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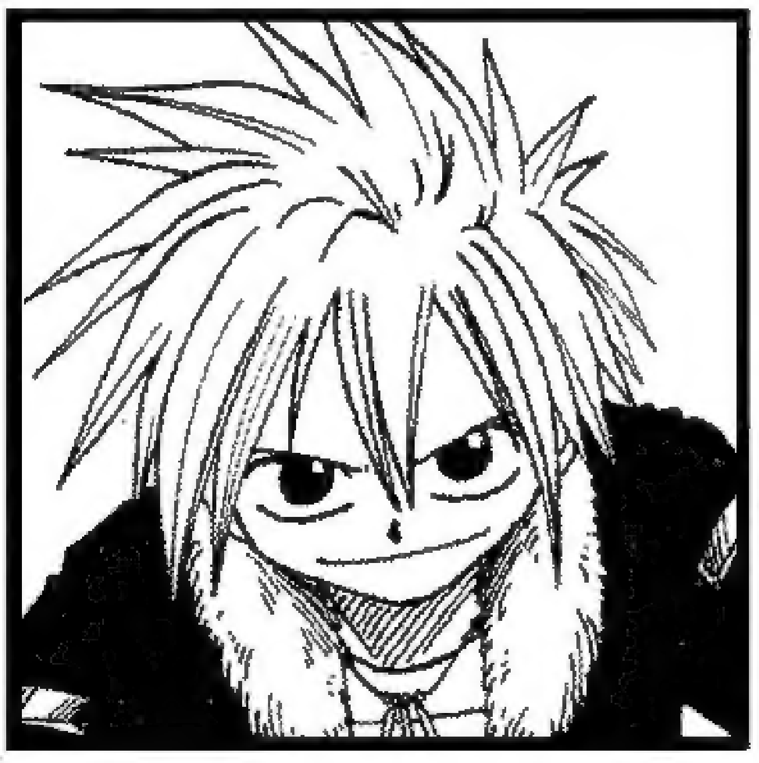
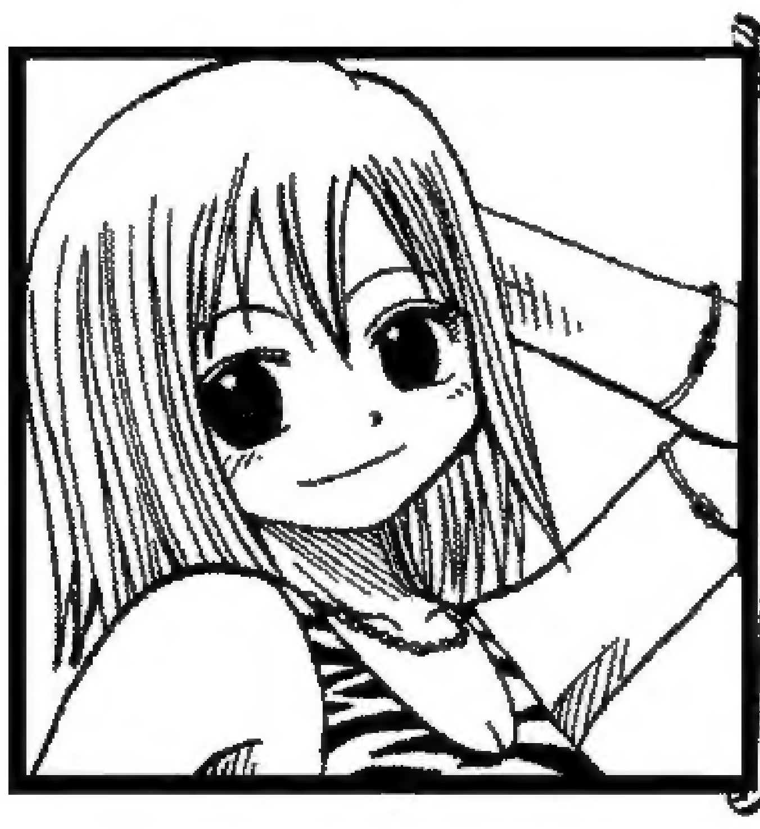
Haru's search for the Rave of Combat led him to the embattled city of Rabarrier. When Haru learned that the one leading the attacking Demonoid forces was named Gale—the same name as his dad—he had to go investigate. Gale Glory was indeed at the Demoid base, the Tower of Din, but he wasn't leading them—he was fighting against them. The Gale in charge was none other than Demon Card leader Gale Raregroove, a.k.a. King. The reunited father and son enter the tower in order to stop King's "Enclaim," a process for creating new Dark Bring. With the help of Musica and the others, they defeated King's elite Palace Guardians, but when they reached the top of the tower, they found King waiting for them with a Dark Bring more powerful than they had ever imagined possible.

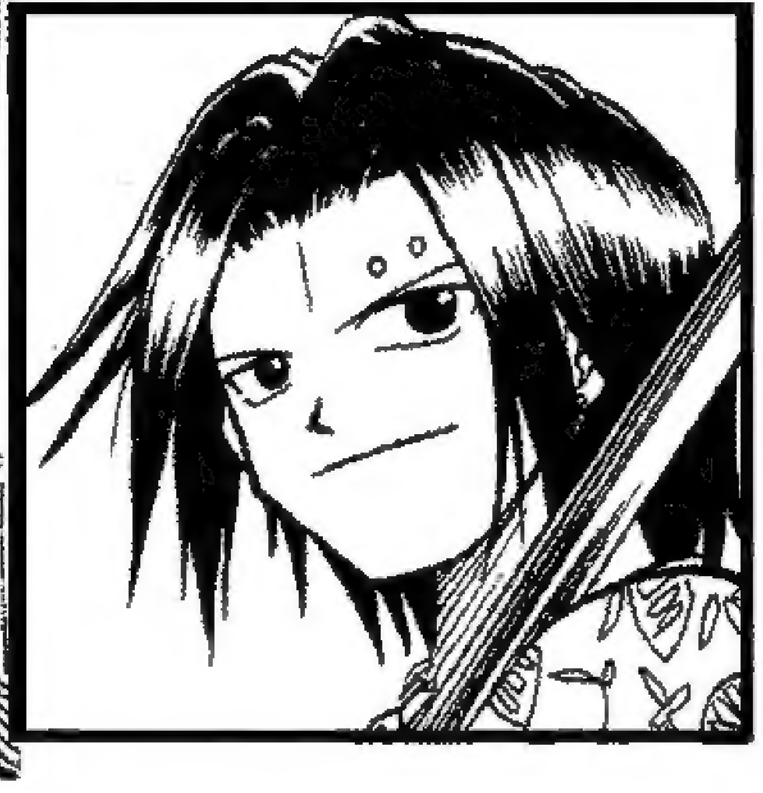
HARU GLORY: The Rave Master. Haru is the heir to Rave, the only one capable of wielding it and destroying Dark Bring. Impulsive and headstrong, he's not afraid to put himself in danger to do what is right. His father disappeared in search of Rave when he was very young.

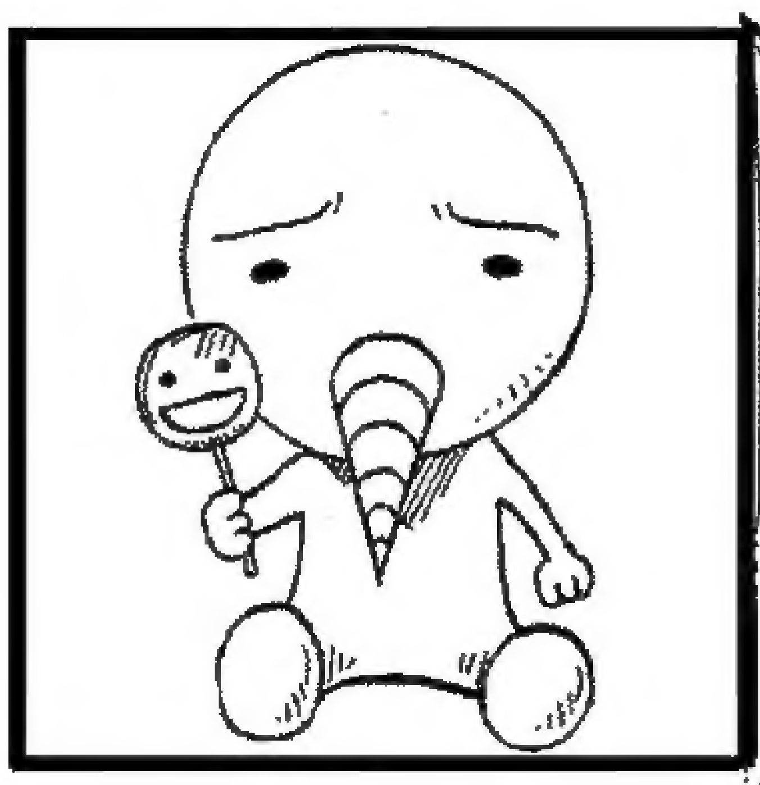




ELIE: A girl with no past. Elie travels the world in search of the key to her forgotten memories. Outwardly cheerful, she hides a great sadness from her past. She's hot-headed, so when she pulls out her explosive Tonfa Blasters, bad guys watch out!

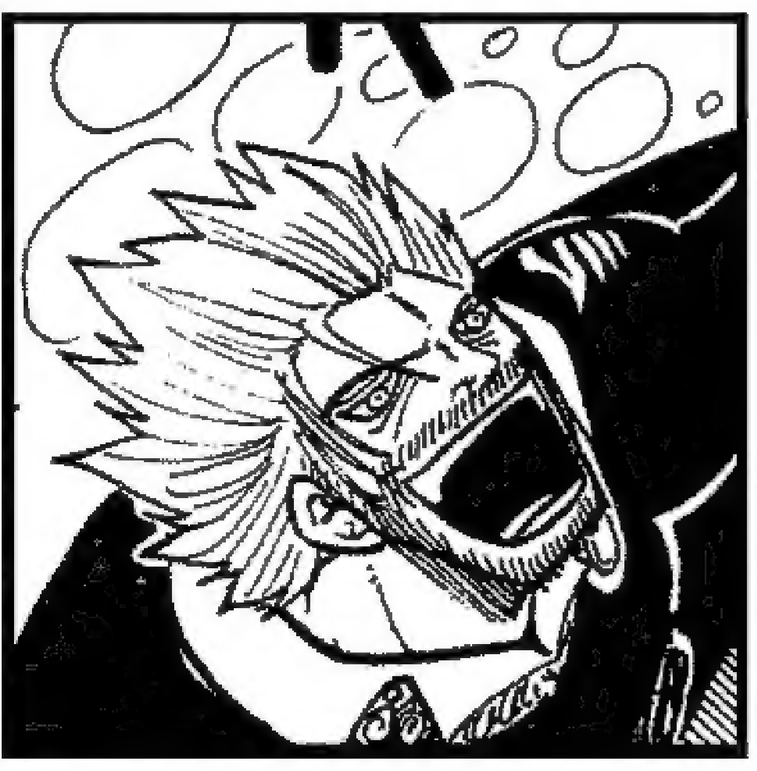
MUSICA: Leader of the Silver Rhythm Gang. An orphan whose family was slaughtered when he was a baby, Musica became a street-fighting petty thief, but he has a good heart.

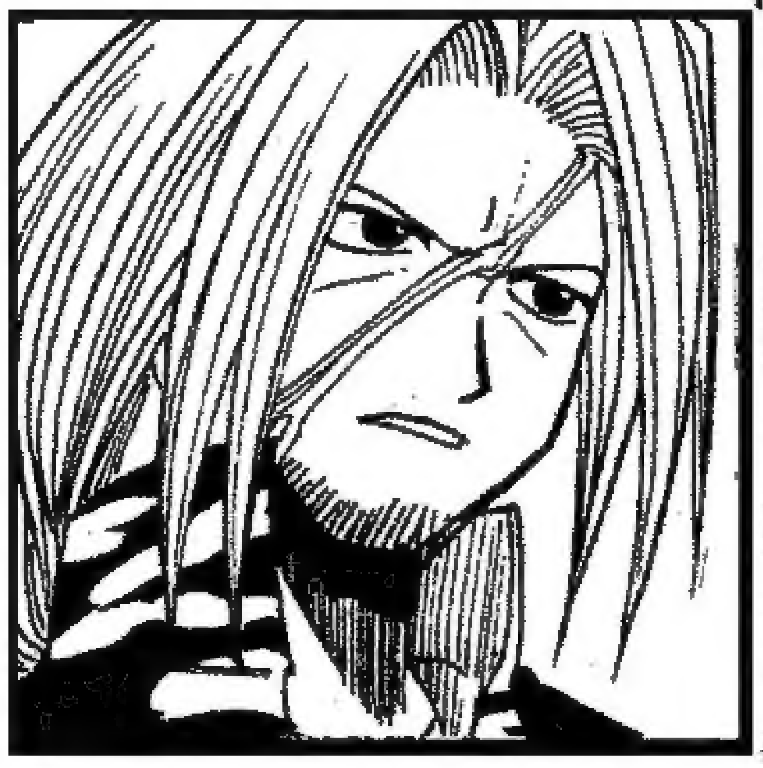




PLUE: The Rave Bearer. Plue is supposed to be Haru's guide in finding the Rave Stones, but so far he's just gotten him in and out of trouble. No one knows exactly what Plue is, but he seems to have healing abilities and is smarter than your average...whatever he is.

KING: Supreme leader and co-founder of Demon Card. He fights with the Decalogue Sword, a Dark Bring that mimics the abilities of the Ten Powers. His real name is Gale Raregroove, and he used to be friends with Gale Glory.





GALE GLORY: Haru's father, he left home in search of the Raves fifteen years ago and hasn't seen his family since. Gale Glory and Gale Raregroove (a.k.a. King) seem to have known each other for a long time, but how?!

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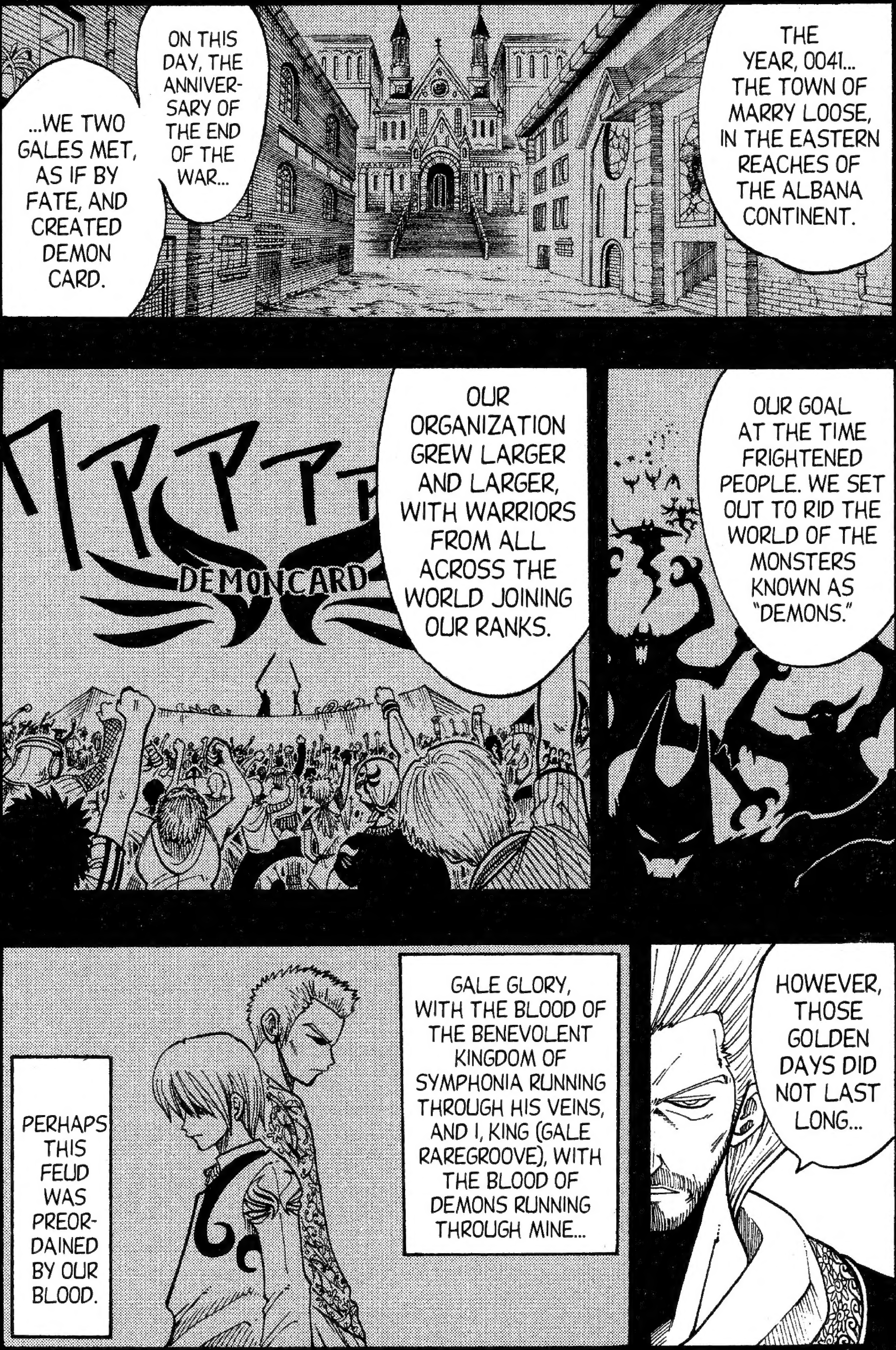
THE YEAR, 0041... THE TOWN OF MARRY LOOSE, IN THE EASTERN REACHES OF THE ALBANA CONTINENT.
ON THIS DAY, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE WAR...
...WE TWO GALES MET, AS IF BY FATE, AND CREATED DEMON CARD.
OUR GOAL AT THE TIME FRIGHTENED PEOPLE. WE SET OUT TO RID THE WORLD OF THE MONSTERS KNOWN AS "DEMONS."
OUR ORGANIZATION GREW LARGER AND LARGER, WITH WARRIORS FROM ALL ACROSS THE WORLD JOINING OUR RANKS.
DEMONCARD
ワアアア
HOWEVER, THOSE GOLDEN DAYS DID NOT LAST LONG...
GALE GLORY, WITH THE BLOOD OF THE BENEVOLENT KINGDOM OF SYMPHONIA RUNNING THROUGH HIS VEINS, AND I, KING (GALE RAREGROOVE), WITH THE BLOOD OF DEMONS RUNNING THROUGH MINE...
PERHAPS THIS FEUD WAS PREORDAINED BY OUR BLOOD.

RAVE: 65 ✚ A BUTTON IN THE WRONG HOLE

AND SO IN TIME WE SPLIT APART, LIKE TWO GEARS UNABLE TO MESH.
Gale Raregroove
Age 20
(Later becomes King)
RAVE MASTER
GALE GLORY RETIRED FROM DEMON CARD...
Gale Glory
Age 20

YES... AND FROM THAT DAY ON, I STROVE TO FIND A QUIET LIFE.
I SET SAIL, LET THE SEA CARRY ME WHEREVER IT MAY, AND I ENDED UP ON GARAGE ISLAND.
AND THEN I MET YOUR MOTHER, SAKURA, AND FELL IN LOVE.
FOR TEN YEARS WE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN HAPPIER. CATTLEYA WAS BORN, THEN YOU WERE BORN, HARU. EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT.
THAT IS, UNTIL I HEARD ABOUT HOW DEMON CARD CHANGED AFTER I LEFT.
AFTER YOU LEFT? DEMON CARD CHANGED IN THE TEN YEARS YOU WERE GONE?
PUUN
0051 GARAGE ISLAND
!
Step right up! Now's your chance to buy the hottest accessories from the continent!
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ざわ
HEY, IT'S NOT OFTEN WE GET MERCHANTS FROM OTHER ISLANDS HERE.
BUT HARU'S PROBABLY A LITTLE TOO YOUNG FOR SILVER JEWELRY, AREN'T YA, KID?
Come on, that hurts...
びにょ～ん
DAAAAAH!

AU CONTRAIRE, MY FRIEND! MY SILVER IS FOR EVERYONE, YOUNG AND OLD!
HOW 'BOUT A MATCHING FATHER-SON SET? I'LL PART WITH THIS FOR A MEASLY 5,000 EDEL. WHADDAYA SAY?
5,000, HUH...
DAAAAAH!
DAAAAAH!
HEY NOW, IF I GO WASTIN' MONEY, YOUR MOM'S GONNA HAVE A FIT!
じー…!
AND HERE YOU GO.
I TELL YA, THIS ISLAND IS GREAT. IT'S SO EASY TO DO BUSINESS HERE. IT'S SO PEACEFUL.
PEACEFUL? IT'S PEACEFUL EVERYWHERE. WHAT WITH THE EMPIRE AND DEMON CARD AND ALL...THEY GOT RID OF ALL THE BAD GUYS IN THE WORLD, MAN.
ピキーン
HUH?
YOU ISLAND FOLK MUST NOT GET AROUND MUCH. THE WORLD'S A DISASTER AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.
?
DEMON CARD ARE THE BAD GUYS, MAN! THEY'RE EVIL, SPREADING DESTRUCTION WHEREVER THEY GO!
THE WHOLE WORLD IS GOING TO HELL IN A HANDBASKET, MAN, ALL THANKS TO THOSE CREEPS.
WHAT?
DEMON CARD... IS *EVIL?*

KING, WHO BECAME THE SOLE LEADER OF DEMON CARD UPON GALE GLORY'S LEAVING, DREW UPON THE POWER OF DARK BRING TO MAKE DEMON CARD MORE POWERFUL.
AND TEN YEARS LATER, DEMON CARD HAD BEEN COMPLETELY REBORN AS AN ORGANIZATION OF DEVILISH FIENDS WHO WIELD THE POWER OF DARK BRING.
IS THAT REALLY WHAT HAPPENED?
YEAH.
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.
IF I HADN'T QUIT DEMON CARD...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE ABANDONED KING!!
HE WAS ALWAYS ALONE!!
WHY'D IT HAVE TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS?!
ドン!!
SAKURA GLORY (GALE'S WIFE)
....
I HAVE TO GO.
BUT...
I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO... ONLY THE RAVE STONES HAVE THE POWER TO STOP DARK BRING. I'LL FIND THEM, YOU'LL SEE.
ガタ

I'LL STOP KING.
SAKURA... DO YOU THINK YOU COULD KEEP IT A SECRET THAT I USED TO BE IN DEMON CARD? I DON'T WANT THE PEOPLE HERE KNOWING. AND...IT WOULD BE SO HARD ON THE KIDS.
OKAY.
DO YOU... REALLY HAVE TO GO?
PLEASE UNDERSTAND. KING AND I WERE BEST FRIENDS.
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP HIM.

GAAAAALE!! THE BOAT'S ALL READY TO GO!!
SAKURA... CATTLEYA... TAKE CARE, ALL RIGHT?
YEAH ...
sniffle
snore
DADDY!!
COME HOME AFTER YOU FIND THE RAVE THINGIES, 'KAY?!

GALE... WATCH YOURSELF OUT THERE.
THANKS.
FIVE YEARS WENT BY...
UNABLE TO FIND ANY OF THE RAVES, I FOUND MYSELF IN FRONT OF MY OLD HANGOUT, DEMON CARD HEADQUARTERS.
I THOUGHT I COULD SETTLE THINGS BY TALKING IT OUT WITH KING...
BEEN 15 YEARS, HASN'T IT, KING?
!

ガタ
G-- GLORY.
!
IS THAT YOUR KID, KING?
YUP...I'M MARRIED NOW. THIS IS MY WIFE, EMILIA, AND MY SON, LUCIA.
KING'S TOLD ME SO MUCH ABOUT YOU...HIS BEST FRIEND WITH THE SAME NAME AND SAME BIRTHDAY.
HA HA...
HE'S GOT A FAMILY, HUH? WONDER HOW MY OWN FAMILY'S DOING... BY NOW, HARU MUST BE ABOUT THIS BIG TOO.
GLORY... SO, YOU'VE COME BACK TO JOIN US, EH?
BACK TO DEMON CARD.
......
ACTUALLY...

I CAME TO STOP YOU.
LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS. DISBAND DEMON CARD. RIGHT NOW, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
HAND OVER ALL YOUR DB TO THE EMPIRE.
WH--WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! DEMON CARD HAS NEVER BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL!!
HAVE YOU GONE MAD, GLORY?!
I'M WONDERING THE SAME THING ABOUT YOU!! WHY DID YOU TURN EVIL? WHY DID YOU BORROW THE POWER OF THE DARK? THAT'S NOT WHAT WE MADE DEMON CARD FOR!!
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……
YOU RUN AWAY FOR FIFTEEN YEARS AND DON'T EVEN BOTHER TO SEND A POSTCARD, NOW YOU COME TO JUDGE ME?! DON'T BE SO NAIVE. SOMETIMES TO GET THINGS DONE, YOU HAVE TO GET YOUR HANDS A LITTLE DIRTY.

GET OUTTA HERE, NOW.
I CAN'T LET YOU--
!!
ガチャ
KING... YOU...
I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU, GLORY. I STILL THINK OF YOU AS MY BEST FRIEND.
SO PLEASE... JUST...GO HOME.
KING...

AFTER THAT, EVERYTHING CHANGED...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANYMORE. I HAVE NO CHOICE. I'M JUST ONE MAN...
EMPIRE MARRY LOOSE
!
HEY, IF IT ISN'T COLONEL GLORY!! LONG TIME NO SEE!
HEY, SLADE... YOU LOOK WELL.
I MADE IT UP TO SECOND LIEUTENANT.
THAT'S GREAT.
HEY, IT'S BEEN WHAT, TEN YEARS, SINCE YOU LEFT THE EMPIRE TO START SOME ORGANIZATION OR WHATEVER?
FIFTEEN YEARS, ACTUALLY.
WHAT'S WITH THE LONG FACE? SOMETHING THE MATTER?
WELL...

IMPERIALISM
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IMPERIALISM
WAS THIS THE RIGHT THING TO DO?
ガガガガ
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!! IMPERIAL SOLDIERS ARE HEADED THIS WAY!!
WHAT?!
KING...I'M SORRY... BUT IF THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE YOU COME TO YOUR SENSES...
HOW DID THEY FIND US HERE?!
I-IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THAT BLOND GUY, COULD IT?
LONG
WATCH YOUR MOUTH!! GLORY WOULD NEVER SELL US OUT LIKE THAT!!
SI-- SIR...
コオオオ..
HUH?

ALL UNITS, ATTACK!!

GYAAAAAAAH!
ズガ
THERE THEY ARE! TAKE DOWN THOSE DEMON CARD SCOUNDRELS!!
NOW THE THUGS WILL PAY FOR THEIR CRIMES!!
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ガガガガ
WA-- WAIT!!
LEAVE MY WIFE AND KID OUT OF THIS! THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING!! HOLD YOUR FIRE!!!
I DON'T CARE!! FIRE!
DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THAT LYING SCUM!
WAIT A SECOND!!
YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!!

HONEY!!
DADDY!!
EMILIA!!
LUCIA!!
SLADE!!
だっ
だっ
だっ!!
CALL OFF YOUR MEN, NOW! WHO TOLD YOU TO DO THIS?!
!
ANSWER ME, OR I SWEAR I'LL BREAK YOUR NECK!!

KYAAAAAAAAAA!
AAAAAAAAAAAH!
GLORY... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
SAVE ME...
YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE JUST GONNA **ARREST** KING, NOT BLOW UP HIS FAMILY!!
SINCE WHEN HAS THE EMPIRE BEEN THIS CORRUPT?

!
EASY, PAL. YOU'RE HURTING ME. WE'LL BE ARRESTING KING, JUST LIKE I PROMISED. YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THE OTHERS.

GLOOOOORYYYYYY!!!

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RAVE:66 ✚ AT THE EDGE OF HATE

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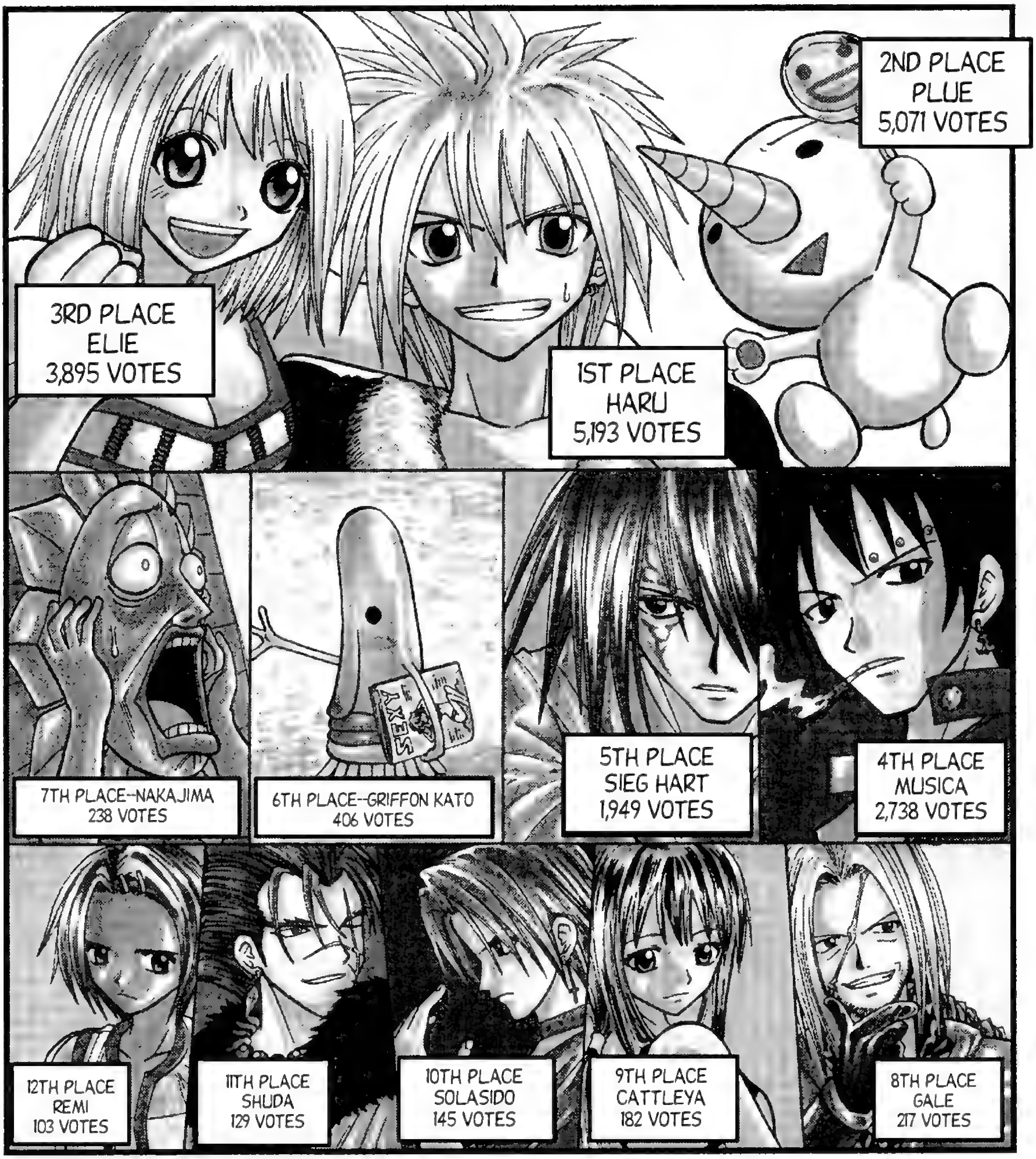
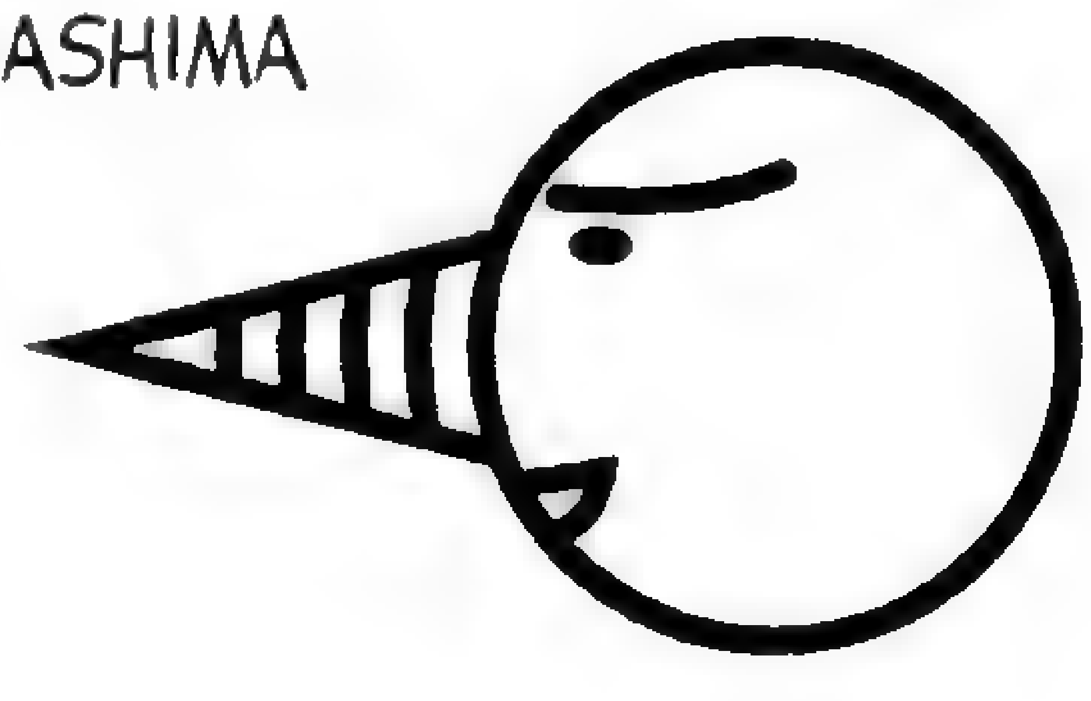

2ND PLACE PLUE 5,071 VOTES
3RD PLACE ELIE 3,895 VOTES
1ST PLACE HARU 5,193 VOTES
7TH PLACE--NAKAJIMA 238 VOTES
6TH PLACE--GRIFFON KATO 406 VOTES
5TH PLACE SIEG HART 1,949 VOTES
4TH PLACE MUSICA 2,738 VOTES
12TH PLACE REMI 103 VOTES
11TH PLACE SHUDA 129 VOTES
10TH PLACE SOLASIDO 145 VOTES
9TH PLACE CATTLEYA 182 VOTES
8TH PLACE GALE 217 VOTES

13 -- TANCHIMO
14 -- REINA
15 -- KOMEKICHI
16 -- MELODIA
17 -- HIRO MASHIMA
18 -- GO
19 -- JEGAN
20 -- SHIBA
21 -- FUA
22 -- ROSA
23 -- JIGGLE BUTT GANG
24 -- GENMA
25 -- SHIGE
26 -- DR. SCHNEIDER
27 -- DEERHOUND
28 -- NUMBERMAN 5
29 -- MIKAN
30 -- RIZE

And to all those characters who didn't make it, there's always next time!



WHY...
WHY DID IT HAVE TO END UP LIKE THIS?
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HOW LONG YOU PLANNIN' ON STAYIN' HERE, GALE?
Been three days already.
ずらん
TO BE HONEST, YOU'RE KINDA IN THE WAY OF OUR INVESTIGATION.
DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP, PAL. YOU NEVER COULD HAVE CLEANED UP DEMON CARD ON YOUR OWN.
BESIDES, WE HAULED IN YOUR BUDDY KING IN ONE PIECE, AS PROMISED.
'COURSE I'M GETTING A PROMOTION NEXT MONTH FOR THIS.
キ

BY THE WAY...THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE ONE MORE DEMON CARD FOUNDER AT LARGE.
AND THE BRASS UPSTAIRS ARE ON MY CASE ABOUT BRINGING HIM IN TOO.
EMPIRE
ゴッ
ゴッ
GALE.
NOW, COME BACK WITH ME QUIETLY AND NO ONE GETS HURT.

GWAAAH...
!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU... DOING HERE ...?!
YOU SHOULD BE LOCKED UP...IN A CELL... RIGHT NOW...!
YOU UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF DARK BRING.
NO JAIL CELL CAN HOLD ME.

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KING...
GLORY... LOOKS LIKE I WAS WRONG ALL ALONG.
ニヤ
ALL THIS TIME ...

...I WAS MEANT TO RULE DEMON CARD ALONE!

GWAAAAAAH!!
ゴロッ
AFTER ALL, I HAVE THE DEMON BLOOD OF RAREGROOVE COURSING THROUGH MY VEINS.
FRIENDS... FAMILY... THEY'RE NOT MEANT FOR THE LIKES OF ME.
SOLITUDE!! AND A HEART THAT THIRSTS FOR VENGEANCE! THAT'S THE FUEL THAT DRIVES ME!!
ザク ザク ザク
GUWAAAH!!
YOU OPENED MY EYES TO THIS, GLORY. AND YOU'LL BE THE FIRST TO TASTE MY WRATH!
GAAAH!
I--IT'S NOT... LIKE THAT...
STOP!!
!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

YOU--!
HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF
SAKURA?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
FOR THE PAST MONTH I'VE BEEN TRAVELING ALL OVER, LOOKING FOR YOU.
I JUST HAPPENED TO HEAR ABOUT THIS PLACE FROM AN IMPERIAL OFFICER.
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON HERE? AND WHY... WHY ARE YOU HURT SO BAD?!
ST-- STAY AWAY!!
Heh!
DON'T DO IT!! KING!!

YOUR BLOOD MAY BE CURSED, BUT YOUR HEART IS HUMAN!
!
I'LL DO ANYTHING!!
JUST --!!
JUST LEAVE SAKURA-- JUST LEAVE SAKURA OUT OF THIS!!
IT'S...
...TOO LATE FOR ME.
SAKURA!! RUN!!
HURRY!!
SAKURA!!
GLORY... I WILL SHOW YOU THE PAIN OF LOSING EVERYTHING YOU LOVE.
NO!!
DON'T DO IT!! PLEASE!!
IT'S OKAY.
I'M RIGHT HERE, RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE.

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I...
MY LOVE ...

I WAS SO HAPPY WITH YOU.
SAKURA...
ROUGH, ISN'T IT, LOSING YOUR FAMILY?
BUT NO, THAT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH.
YOU ARE GOING TO LIVE IN A WORLD OF LONELINESS, JUST LIKE ME.
AND THIS DARK BRING, END OF EARTH, IS WHY.

THIS DB WILL BRING ABOUT ANOTHER OVERDRIVE.
AND I'M GOING TO BURY IT INSIDE YOUR BODY.
ぐいっ
JUST REMEMBER, GLORY. THE OVERDRIVE COULD GO OFF INSIDE YOU AT ANY TIME.
ボッ
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE ANYONE ELSE OUT WITH YOU WHEN IT HAPPENS, JUST STAY BY YOURSELF.
ジュウ
YOU WILL SUFFER. I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID.
ウウウ
EVEN DEATH WOULD BE TOO LENIENT A PUNISHMENT.
MAY YOU LIVE, AND LOSE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE.
DON'T WORRY, I WILL KILL YOU...
WHEN THAT DAY COMES, I WILL SHOW YOU SUFFERING AS YOU'VE NEVER KNOWN BEFORE.

AFTER THAT, I SENT SAKURA'S BODY BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND.
I THOUGHT ABOUT WRITING YOU GUYS A LETTER, BUT I COULDN'T FIND THE RIGHT WORDS TO SAY.
SO I SPENT TEN LONG YEARS IN THE DESERT, FIGHTING WITH LONELINESS THE FEAR OF THE OVERDRIVE.
HEH HEH HEH... SO, NOW YOU KNOW THE TRUTH.
GLORY HERE COULDN'T GO BACK TO THE ISLAND 'CAUSE HE COULDN'T RISK HAVING THE OVERDRIVE GO OFF THERE.
THAT POOR, PATHETIC, LONELY MAN--WANDERING THE UNINHABITED WASTELANDS OF THE WORLD, AFRAID OF THE TICKING TIME BOMB IN HIS HEAD.
FOR TEN LONG YEARS.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE YEARS OF SOLITUDE WERE FOR NOTHING. I HAD NO IDEA...THAT THE END OF EARTH DB WASN'T EVEN COMPLETE YET.
YES, YOU NEVER WERE VERY BRIGHT.
END OF EARTH FINISHED FORMING JUST NOW.
HARU... SORRY ABOUT EVERYTHING...
すくっ…
THIS WAS ALL MY FAULT.

MUST BE QUITE A SHOCK LEARNING OF ALL THIS ALL AT ONCE, EH, KID?
I DON'T NEED A STUPID DAD! NOT AS LONG AS I GOT YOU HERE, SIS.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF MY OLD MAN'S ALIVE OR NOT.
I DON'T NEED HIM ANYWAY. I'LL PROTECT MY SISTER ON MY OWN.
C'MON OUT HERE ...
...YOU STUPID OLD MAN!!
I'VE BEEN...
...SUCH A FOOL.
!

I HAD NO IDEA, DAD...
SNIFFLE
HIC
I'M SORRY...
HIC
WE'VE GOT THE REST OF OUR LIVES TO LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER.
IT'S SIMPLE. WE'RE **FAMILY**.
UUGH...
AAAH!
STOP ALREADY!!
QUIT CRYING, DANG IT!!
HMPH.

NOW THEN...LET'S CONTINUE THIS FIGHT, SHALL WE?
I'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME FOR THIS DAY.
UGH...... QUIT CRYING!
ひっく…
ずずっ
NO CRYING!!
HARU...
PUUN
ぴく
ぴく
UWAAAAAAAAAAAH!!
CLANG
!!

YOU MONSTER!!
ガッ
!!
ドガ…
HE PUSHED ...
...KING TO THE GROUND!
HEH HEH HEH... YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO HATE ME, KID. AFTER ALL...
...I KILLED YOUR MOTHER.

BUT YOU WERE WRONGED TOO!
I'M SICK OF ALL THIS FIGHTING!!!
!

RAVE MASTER
LOVE

RAVE:67 ✚ A REASON TO FIGHT

BUT YOU WERE WRONGED TOO!
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I'M SICK OF ALL THIS FIGHTING!!
PUUN!!
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コクッ

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!
YOU STUPID LITTLE... BRAT!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ?!
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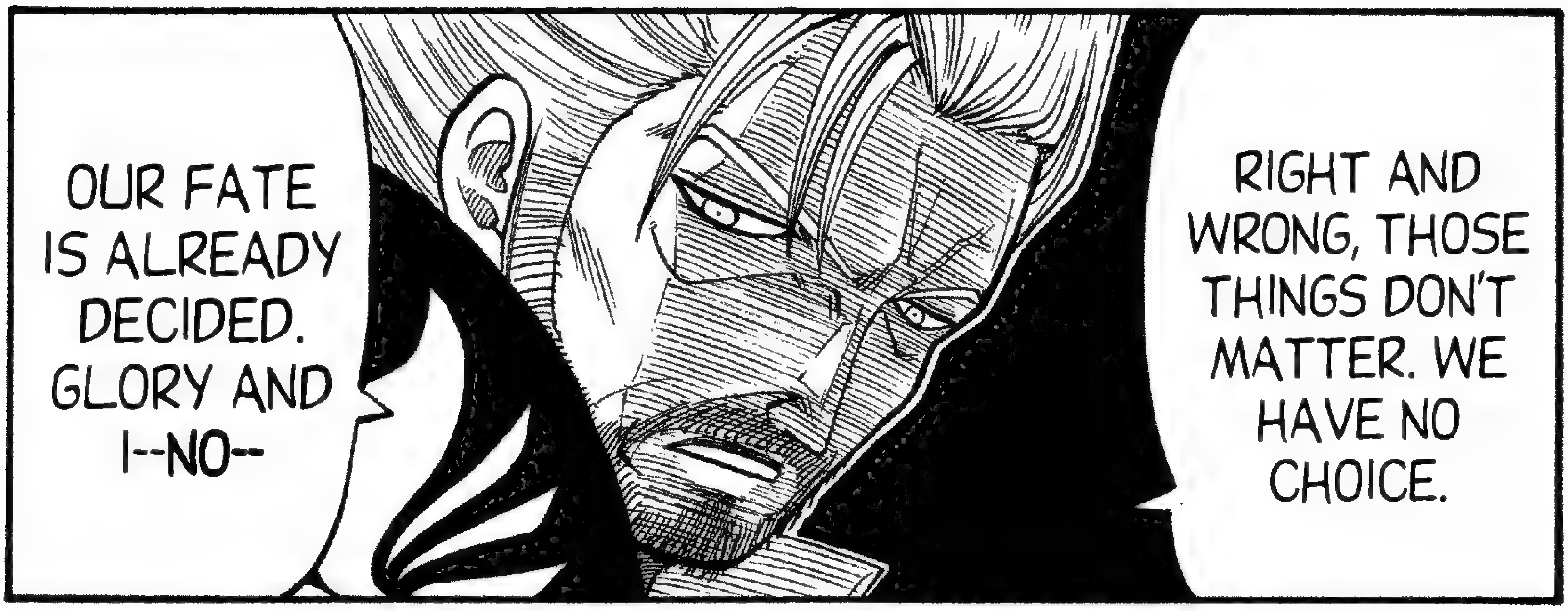
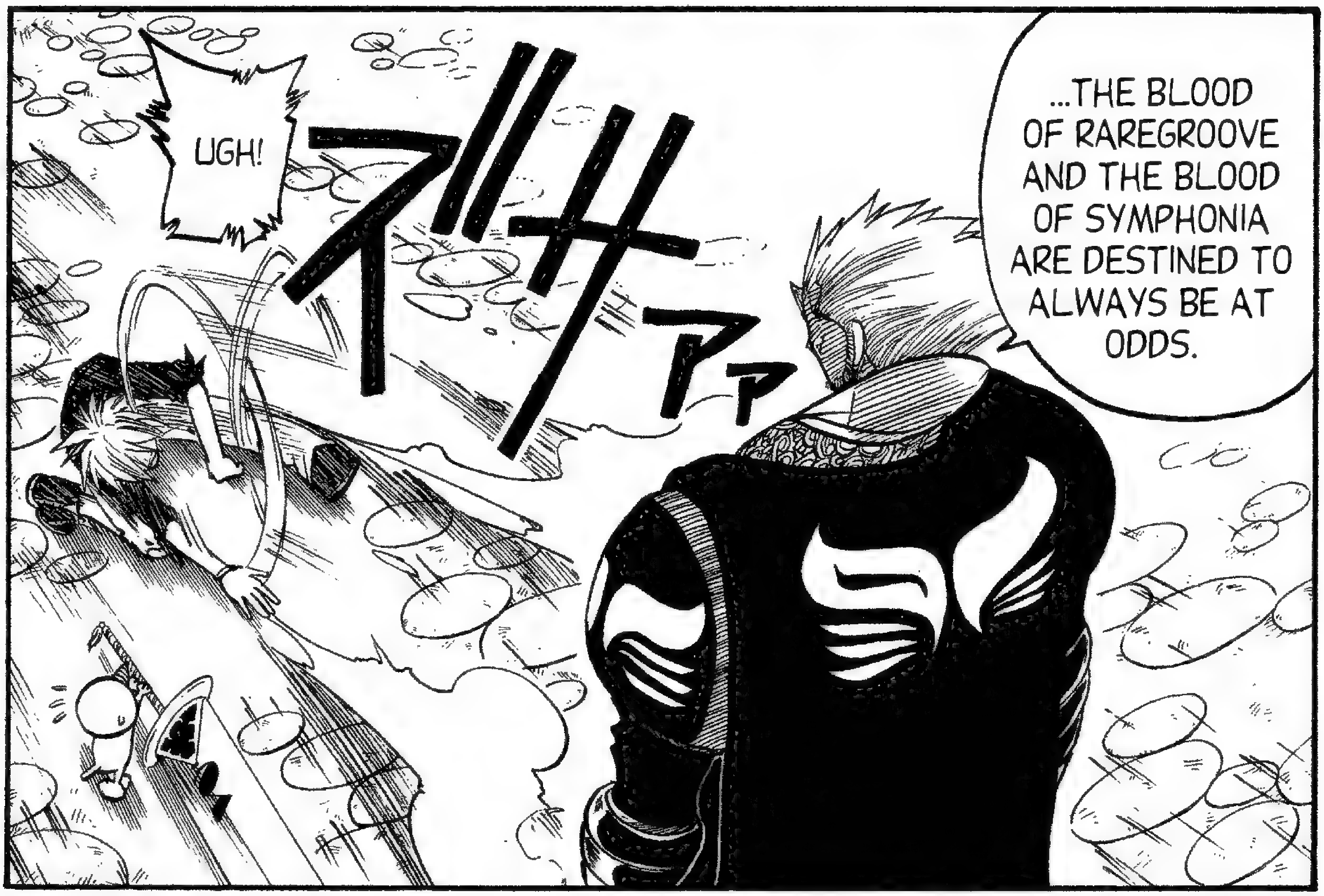

RIGHT AND WRONG, THOSE THINGS DON'T MATTER. WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
OUR FATE IS ALREADY DECIDED. GLORY AND I--NO--


...THE BLOOD OF RAREGROOVE AND THE BLOOD OF SYMPHONIA ARE DESTINED TO ALWAYS BE AT ODDS.
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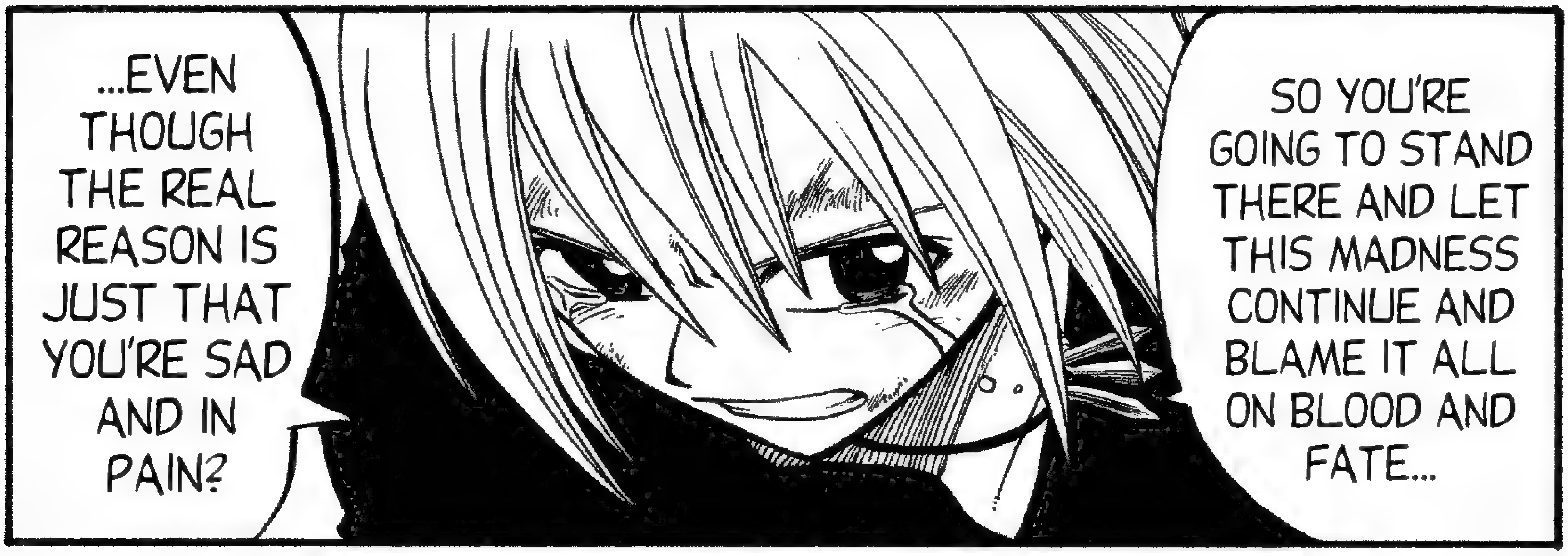
UGH!


SO YOU'RE GOING TO STAND THERE AND LET THIS MADNESS CONTINUE AND BLAME IT ALL ON BLOOD AND FATE...
...EVEN THOUGH THE REAL REASON IS JUST THAT YOU'RE SAD AND IN PAIN?

SAD? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!! I THREW AWAY THOSE WORTHLESS EMOTIONS AGES AGO!!
ENOUGH REMINISCING! FOR FIFTEEN YEARS I'VE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT!
THINK WHAT YOU WANT, SON OF GLORY, BUT YOU BOTH SHALL DIE NOW!!
NO. I'LL FIGHT!
IF YOU WON'T LISTEN TO REASON, THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE!
YES...THAT'S RIGHT. COME AT ME WITH THE ANGER AND THE PAIN CAUSED BY YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH. YOUR HATRED FOR ME WILL MAKE ME EVEN STRONGER.
NO!!
THAT'S NOT WHY I'M GONNA FIGHT YOU!!

I'M GOING TO PUT AN END TO THIS, ONCE AND FOR ALL.
HARU... YOU'RE A GOOD KID.
I CAN SEE WHY YOU DON'T WANT TO FIGHT.
THE WORLD DOESN'T NEED ANY MORE SADNESS THAN IT'S ALREADY GOT.
I'LL FIGHT TO PUT AN END TO ALL THE FIGHTING.
I SEE IT NOW...
ガキィィ
ONLY SOMEONE WITH A KIND HEART WHO CAN UNDERSTAND ANOTHER'S PAIN...
...CAN ACHIEVE TRUE STRENGTH.

THIS ENDS NOW!!!
AND THEN I'M GOING BACK HOME TO MY SIS!!!
SO CATTLEYA'S ALIVE AND WELL, EH?
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
BRING IT ON, KID.
I'M JUST GETTING WARMED UP!! ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE READY FOR THIS?

WITH YOUR DEATH, THE BLOODLINE OF SYMPHONIA'S ROYAL FAMILY WILL BE ENDED!
!!
I DON'T THINK SO!!
I'M HARU FROM GARAGE ISLAND!!
FLY!
!!

THE VACUUM SWORD, MEL FORCE!!!
MEL FORCE
GUWAAH!

オオオ
I-IT CAN'T BE!!
KUGH...
WHERE'D THAT BLAST COME FROM?
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PUUUUN
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THAT WAS MEL FORCE, THE SIXTH FORM OF THE TEN POWERS!
HOW IS HE ABLE TO USE POWERS FROM MY SWORD THAT I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN?!
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MEL FORCE
ボン
EXPLOSIVE SWORD DANCE!
THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD. MY BODY'S NUMB AND I CAN'T MOVE!
OH NO!!

DESPERADO BOMB!!!

グオオオオオ
THIS GUY'S JUST TOO STRONG...
HE REALLY IS A MONSTER.
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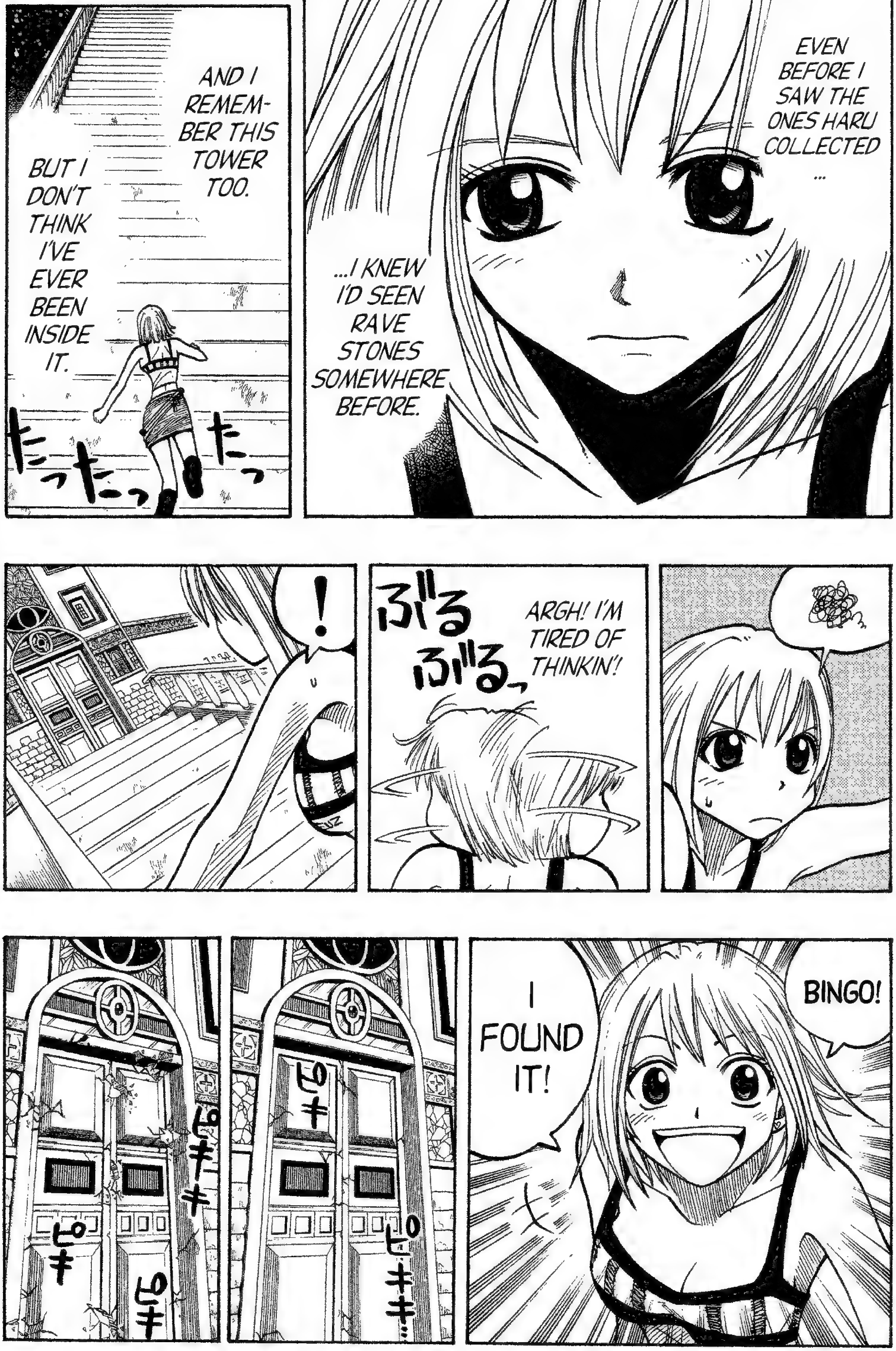
LOVE BELIEVER♥
RAVE...


EVEN BEFORE I SAW THE ONES HARU COLLECTED ...
...I KNEW I'D SEEN RAVE STONES SOMEWHERE BEFORE.
AND I REMEMBER THIS TOWER TOO.
BUT I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN INSIDE IT.
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ARGH! I'M TIRED OF THINKIN'!
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!
BINGO!
I FOUND IT!
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ピキ ピキキ ピキ ピキ

HUH?
WHAT'S GOIN' ON IN THERE?!
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EEEEEEEEEEEK!!
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オオオオ
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!
HARU!!
ELIE?!!
UWAAH!
PUUN
KYAAAH!
ドド
A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
ELIE...
COUGH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
ゴスッ
WHAT IS YOUR HAND DOING THERE?
Squish
WELL, WELL... SO THIS IS YOUR GIRLFRIEND, EH? NOT BAD, KID, NOT BAD.
GI-GI-GI-GI-GIRL-FRIE--N--NO WAY, MAN!
ペコ
YO--YOU MUST BE HARU'S FATHER, RIGHT? UMMM.. IT--IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!

オオオ
LET'S SAVE THE INTRODUCTIONS FOR LATER, SHALL WE, MISS?
I'M A LITTLE BUSY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DEFEAT THIS GUY AND PREVENT THE END OF THE WORLD RIGHT NOW.
オオオ
SO YOU'RE STILL BREATHING AFTER THAT LAST BLAST...
ゴオオ
I'LL HAND IT TO YOU. FATHER AND SON, YOU BOTH HAVE THICK HIDES.
SO THAT'S KING.
!
OH, YEAH! LOOK, LOOK, HARU!!
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HERE!
ピキィー

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THAT'S ...
......
THE RAVE OF COMBAT.
SO... YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST TO DELIVER THIS TO ME, ELIE?
THANKS, DUDE.
HEE HEE.
THAT OUGHTA GIVE YOU A NICE BOOST.
Bing!
WE DID IT!
HEH HEH... DO YOU THINK ONE MORE RAVE IS GOING TO GIVE YOU THE POWER TO STOP ME?
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ぐっ!!
HOW 'BOUT WE FIND OUT!

?!
AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE I WENT THROUGH BRINGING IT TO YOU?!!
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パシ
PUUN.

PUUN.
ブブブブブブ
D-- DON'T TELL ME...
HE'S SHAKIN' LIKE CRAZY!!
WH-- WHAT?! WHAT IS THAT THING ?!
THE RAVE OF COMBAT ...
ブブブブ
THAT'S RIGHT.

RAVE:68 THE RAVE OF COMBAT

...GIVES PLUE A POWER BOOST!
PUUN!
RAVE MASTER

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IT'S FOR PLUE?!
BUT HE'S A BUG!!
WHAT'S THIS?
THERE'S NO WAY THE RAVE OF CONFLICT CAN BE FOR SOME PUNY ANIMAL.
IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?
パタン
ふら~
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YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T KNOW? THIS LITTLE GUY, PLUE--HE'S A RAVE WARRIOR TOO.
AND THIS RAVE WAS MADE FOR HIM TO USE.
PUUN
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プピ……
プピ……
UH, HARU, BOY... I THINK YOUR DOG FELL ASLEEP.
TRY TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME, WILL YOU?!
I WILL KILL YOU ALL!!
プピ……
プピ……
がくッ
KUGH...
!
ARE YOU OKAY, MR. HARU'S FATHER?
YEAH... JUST TOOK ONE TOO MANY BIG BLOWS.
THESE BURNS ARE HORRIBLE. I WONDER IF HE WAS TRYING TO PROTECT HARU IN THAT LAST BLAST?
IT MUST BE NICE, HAVING A FAMILY...

EXPLOSION!!
THAT RAVE DIDN'T INCREASE HIS POWER AT ALL.
DON'T TELL ME THAT THE RAVE OF COMBAT REALLY IS FOR THAT RUNT!!
プピー
MY TURN...
SNEER
SNEER

YOU DISAPPOINT ME, RAVE MASTER.
YOU DIE TOO EASILY.
MEL FORCE!
!
WHOA!! WHAT WAS THAT?!
UCH!
AND NEXT UP SHOULD BE THAT BLAST.
THIS AIN'T GOOD... ANOTHER HIT FROM THAT SWORD AND...

DANG... CAN'T... MOVE...
MEL FORCE... SO THE BLAST SENDS PEOPLE FLYING AND RENDERS THEM IMMOBILE, HUH?
IT'S HIS FOLLOW-UP ATTACK I'M WORRIED ABOUT. WE MANAGED TO AVOID THE BRUNT OF THE ATTACK AND STILL TOOK A BEATING.
IF HIS NEXT ATTACK IS A DIRECT HIT, WE'RE FINISHED.
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てく…
てく…
PLUE!! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
ゴオオオオ
HOW CAN HE MOVE IN THIS SHOCK WAVE?
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AND THIS SHALL BE THE END.
I DON'T THINK SO.
!
PUUN

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THAT THING AGAIN?! ENOUGH OF YOUR GAMES!
I'LL ERASE YOU ALL, INCLUDING YOUR PET!!
EXPLOSIVE SWORD DANCE!
EEEEK!!
HARUUUU!!
PLUUUUE!!
パチ！
バッ

DESPERADO BOMB!!!
KIIN!
WHA--?!

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PUUN
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HE DIFFUSED THE EXPLOSION.
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ガラ…
HE CUT THROUGH THE BLAST?!
IMPOSSIBLE!! HOW COULD HE STOP MY BLAST?!
PLUE, THAT WAS AWESOME!
GOOD JOB, PLUE.
!
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NO!!

THIS IS THE POWER OF THE COMBAT RAVE.

THAT'S THE FIRST BLOW THAT'S GOTTEN THROUGH TO KING.
HARU AND PLUE, WHAT A TAG TEAM!!
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だッ
I'M NOT THROUGH WITH YOU YET!
GUWAAH!!!

IT'S WORKING!!
WHY, YOU LITTLE ...!
MEL FORCE!!
WHA--?!
IT CAN'T BE!!
SILFARION!!!
GUWOOOOOOOOH!

BLUE CRIMSON !!
UGAAH!
THAT'S MY BOY...
HE'S TURNIN' OUT TO BE QUITE THE HERO IN THE FAMILY.
HARU! YOU CAN DO IT!
JUST ONE MORE HIT!
AND NOW FOR THE...
SAKURA... CAN YOU SEE THIS?
LOOK AT OUR SON, ALL GROWN UP.
...FINAL ATTACK!!

UWAAAAAAAH!!
DECALOGUE, THE ULTIMATE DARK BRING. HOW COULD IT FAIL?!

ズシィィ
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

WE WON...
YOU DID IT!!!
PUUN!!
HARU!!
SO IT'S FINALLY OVER...
WAY TO GO, HARU.
YOU BOTH DID A GREAT JOB, PLUE AND HARU!!
I DO THIS ALL THE TIME, BUT RIGHT NOW I JUST CAN'T MOVE.

I DON'T THINK I HAVE AN OUNCE OF STRENGTH LEFT...
Boy, that was close...
TWITCH...
YOU WON'T...
ゴオオオォ
...GET AWAY WITH THIS.
!!
I NEVER... THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO USE THIS, BUT...
IMPOSSIBLE!! HOW CAN HE STILL MOVE AFTER THAT?!
I SHALL TURN THIS PLACE INTO A LIVING HELL...
...WITH MY SECRET DARK BRING, MONSTER PRISON!
A SECRET DARK BRING?!
ズル...

RAVE MASTER
LIVE BELIEVE
DIGITAL

RAVE:69 ✚ EVIL RUNS RECKLESS

I SHALL TURN THIS PLACE INTO A LIVING HELL...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
...WITH MY SECRET DARK BRING, **MONSTER PRISON!**
SECRET DARK BRING?!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A RUMOR.
I SHALL CAST MYSELF INTO ETERNAL DARKNESS.
NO, KING!! STOP!!
DON'T DO IT, MAN!! IT'S NOT WORTH IT!!
WH-- WHAT IS A SECRET DARK BRING, ANYWAY?!
UNLIKE NORMAL DB, SECRET DARK BRING ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL.
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IN OTHER WORDS, ONCE IT ACTIVATES, ITS POWER WILL GROW UNCHECKED!

AND MY POWER WILL GROW AS WELL... FROM INSIDE!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
INSIDE ?!
INSIDE THE DARK BRING?
ゴオォ
THAT'S RIGHT.
IT SEALS THE USER'S BODY AND SOUL WITHIN A MONSTER PRISON FOR ALL ETERNITY!
KING, HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!
YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO COME BACK!
YOU SCOUNDRELS HAVE LEFT ME NO CHOICE.
ゴオオオオオ
YOU SCOUNDRELS ...
YOU SCOUNDRELS HAVE ALREADY PLUNGED ME INTO THE DARKNESS !!!
DON'T DO IT, KING!!

FAREWELL, GLORY!
AND FAREWELL TO MYSELF AS WELL!

WH-WHAT'S THAT THING?!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS, MAN.
HUGHF
HUGHF
WHY'D YOU HAVE TO THROW AWAY YOUR SOUL?!
AW, SNAP! RIGHT AFTER I USED UP ALL MY STRENGTH TOO... WHO'D HAVE GUESSED HE'D GET ANOTHER BOOST OF POWER?
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ギロ…
ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS STOP YOU...
...AND YET YOU GO AND DO THIS.
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ドゴォ!
KING... I GUESS YOUR MIND'S ALREADY GONE, SO REASONING WITH YOU WON'T WORK.
SO NOW, MORE THAN EVER, I KNOW I HAVE TO STOP YOU.
THAT FREAK'S GOING TO DESTROY THE WHOLE TOWER!
THIS IS INSANE!
PLUE !!
CAN'T YOU CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF THAT BEAM, LIKE YOU DID WITH THE EXPLOSION?!
SHRIVEL
AWWW, NEVER MIND!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN. PLUE'S POWER BOOST ONLY WORKS FOR A LIMITED TIME.
SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

WE CAN'T GIVE UP NOW! WE GIVE IT WHAT WE'VE GOT!
WE HAVE TO STOP HIM, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST.
LET'S DO THIS, HARU!!
RIGHT BESIDE YA!!
BUT HOW? THEY'RE BOTH BARELY ALIVE AS IT IS...
THEY CAN HARDLY STAND, LET ALONE FIGHT.
I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!!

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NO WAY!!
HE BLOCKED THAT WITH HIS BARE HANDS?!
HOW CAN HE DO THAT?!
GAAAAAAH!
ドゴォ…
ガラ…
ガラ…

ゴオオオオ…
!!
HOW IN THE--?!
ドゴ
GUWAAH!
ベゴォ!!
ゴン
HARU!!
......
GAWW...

ドカッ
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ガガガッ
STOP!!
ドッ
ドッ
KING!!!
GET AWAY FROM MY BOY!!
ズガガガガッ…!!!

HUFF
HUFF
ドッ
UGH...
ドロ...
ボコボコ
HE DOESN'T BLEED?!
HE'S NOT EVEN HUMAN ANYMORE!
KING...
HEY, MISS.
YE-- YES?
TAKE HARU AND GET OUTTA HERE.
!
UH... BUT...
JUST DO IT!!
びく...!
I'M SORRY FOR YELLING. PLEASE, JUST GET HIM OFF THIS TOWER, ALL RIGHT? I'LL BE FINE. I'VE GOT ONE LAST TRICK UP MY SLEEVE.
GUGAHH...

ドガッ
BU-BUT YOU CAN'T WIN BY YOURSELF.
HARU'S IN NO SHAPE FOR FIGHTING ANYWAY.
SO IT'D HELP A LOT IF YOU COULD GET HIM OUTTA HERE SO HE DOESN'T GET HURT EVEN MORE FROM WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO.
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ALL RIGHT …
AND, MISS …
!
YOU TAKE CARE OF HARU.
OKAY?

PLEASE!!
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PLEASE COME BACK ALIVE!
HEHE.
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF DYING. 'CAUSE IF I DIE, WE'VE GOT AN OVERDRIVE ON OUR HANDS.
SO THERE'S NO WAY I'LL LET MYSELF DIE.
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HOW IN THE WORLD DID WE LET THINGS END UP LIKE THIS, ANYWAY?
GUROOOOARRRH!
YOU HAD TO DO IT-- HAD TO TURN YOURSELF INTO THAT THING.
NOW... I'LL PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY...
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YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE SKY TO USE THIS MOVE, AND YOU CAN ONLY DO IT ONCE.
SECRET BLADE OF THE HEAVENS, SYNCHRONIZED AIR SLASH!!
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THE FINAL STRIKE.
KING...
FEEL THE POWER OF THE HEAVENS!!!
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GUWOOOOOAAH!!

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オオオ
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DEMON EXTERMINATION?
EXACTLY! WE'LL PROTECT THE PEOPLE FROM DEMONS!! WE'LL CALL IT "DEMON GUARD"!
DEMON
YOU TOOK OUT THAT DEMON THAT WAS ATTACKING THE TOWN IN THE FLASH OF AN EYE, RIGHT? YOU'D BE PERFECT FOR THIS JOB!!
I EVEN QUIT MY JOB WITH THE EMPIRE TO START THIS DEMON-EXTERMINATION GIG, DEMON GUARD.
AND YOU AND ME, WE COULD BE PARTNERS!
LET'S DO THIS!! YOU AND ME, DEMON GUARD!!
UMM... HOLD ON A SEC, THERE... THIS SAYS "DEMON CARD."
Bing!
DEMONCARD
D'AGH! AFTER I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT PAINTING IT, TOO!
ALL RIGHT! I FINALLY GOT OUR FIRST JOB!!
IT'S ON!
A DEMON'S BEEN SPOTTED OUT ON RANGLER PLAINS.

WHY'D YOU GO AND TAKE AN ASSASSINATION JOB?! AND WITHOUT DISCUSSING IT WITH ME FIRST, EITHER!
WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO?! WE'VE GOT TOO MANY MEN TO FEED TO BE PICKY ABOUT WHAT JOBS WE TAKE NOW.
SO... THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY TO CHANGE YOUR MIND?
SORRY. GUESS I'M JUST NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS TEAMWORK STUFF.
BUT I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING.
KING...
LET'S FINISH THIS, ONCE AND FOR ALL!
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オオ
POP
POP
GAAAAAH
ぐぐぐ…
IF I CAN JUST...CUT THROUGH... THE MONSTER PRISON...THIS COULD ALL BE OVER!
I DON'T... HAVE...THE STRENGTH...

BUT WE CAN DO IT TOGETHER!!
HARU!!
LET'S END THIS, DAD!!
RIGHT ON!
GUESS HE CAN'T JUST WALK AWAY.
THAT'S FAMILY FOR YA.
IT'S ALMOST OVER, KING.
ONE MORE...
ONE MORE STRIKE!

AND WE WIN!!
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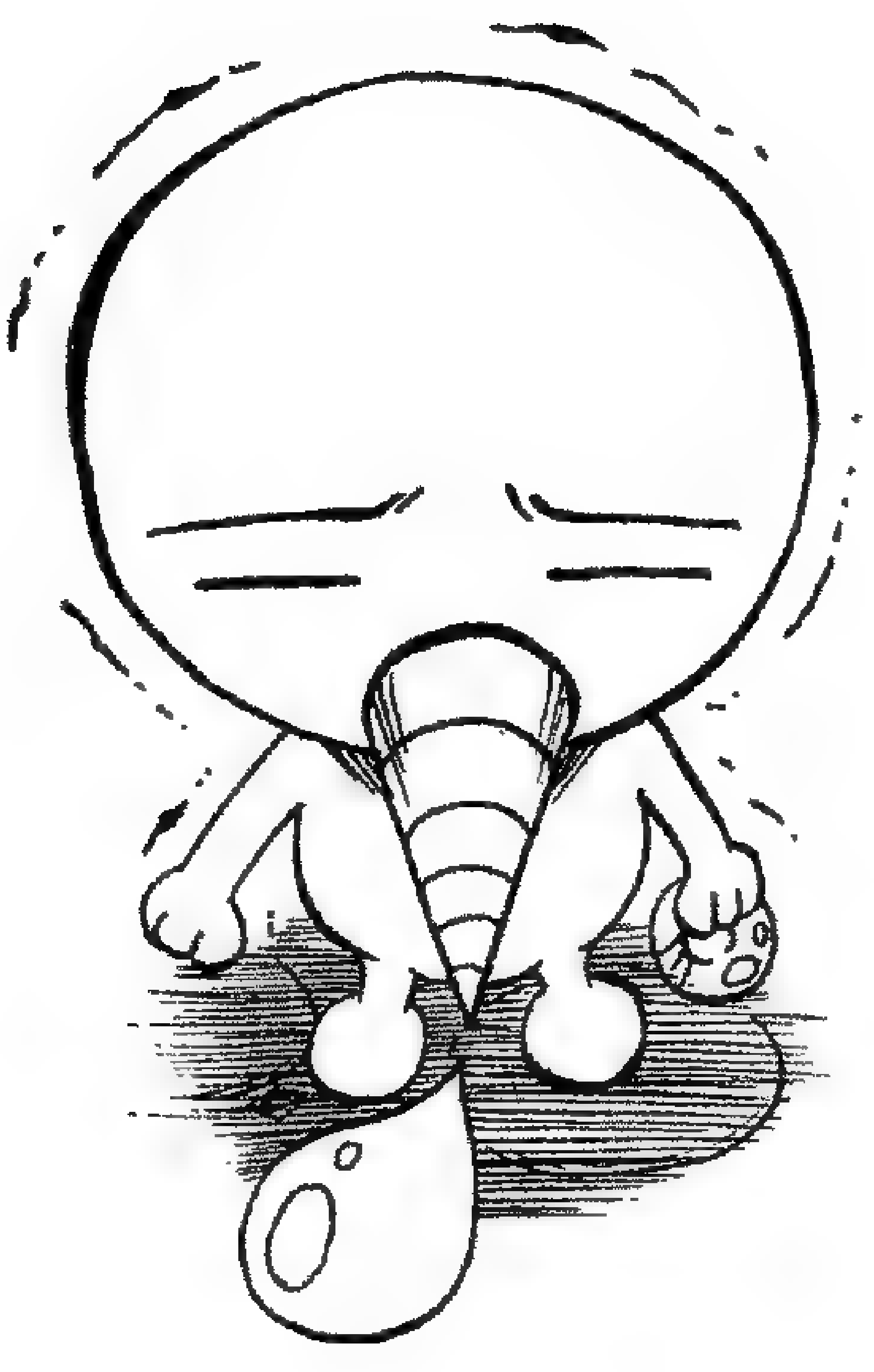

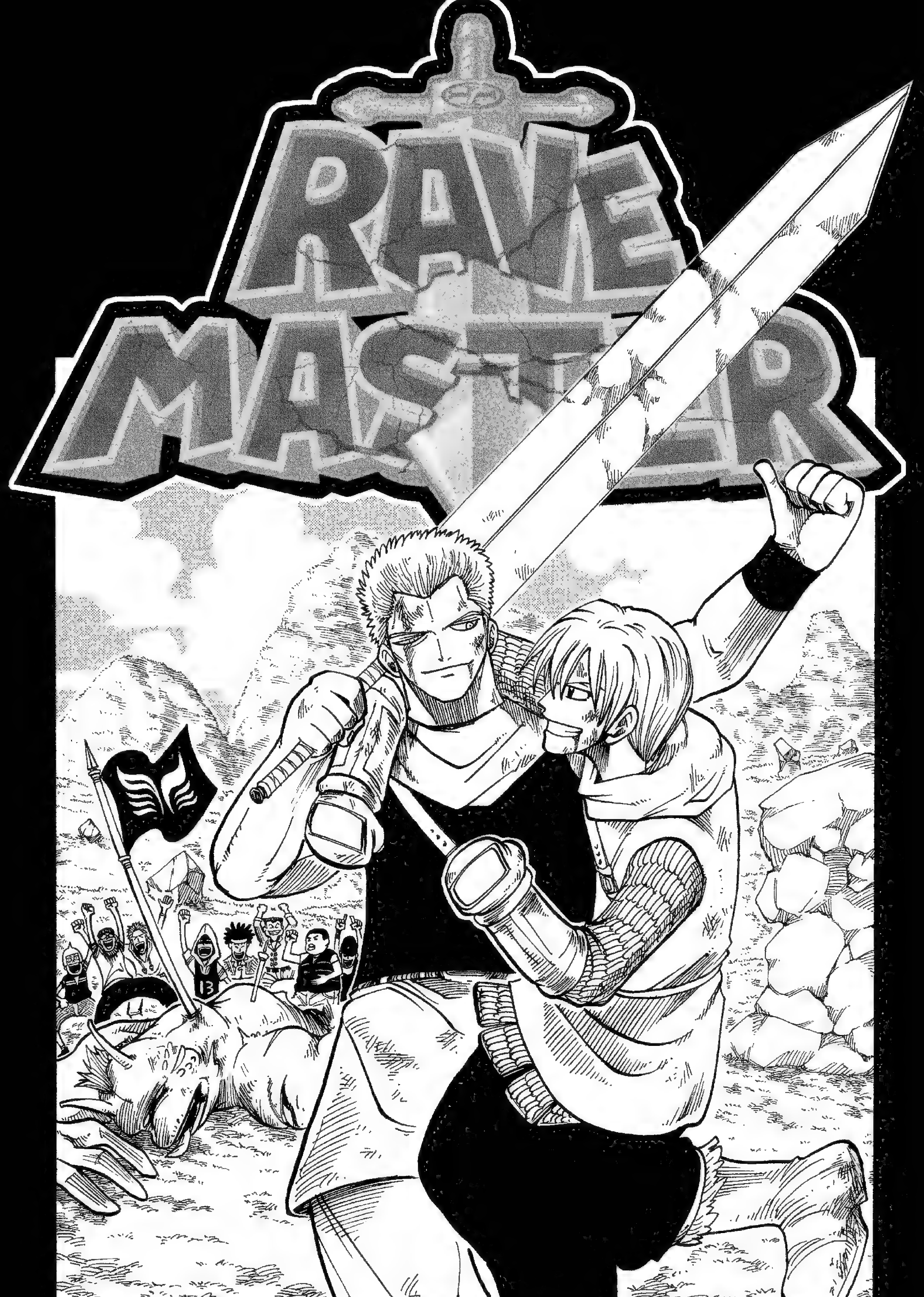
RAVE MASTER

RAVE: 70 ✚ JUDGE OF "TIME"

GAAAH!!
HUFF
HUFF
DAD... SO IT'S FINALLY OVER, HUH?
YEAH ...
......
SHALL WE HEAD HOME?
YEAH...

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HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF
!
NO WAY!
SO... STILL HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH, HUH?
KUGH ...
ガシ
バッ
!
フラ…
HUFF ...
HUFF
HE STILL HASN'T REALIZED... HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY FIGHT LEFT IN HIS BODY.

DAD.
HUFF
HUFF
ヨロ
ザッ
HE'S GOING TO FINISH HIM OFF...
HUFF
ザッ
ヨロ…
GRAAAH!
LOOK OUT!!
バシ…

GAA!
!!
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
DAD... BUT WHY...?
HUFF
HUFF
DON'T WORRY. KING HARDLY HAS ANY STRENGTH LEFT IN HIM.
I'LL JUST WAIT...
...UNTIL HE COLLAPSES.

KING KILLED MY WIFE, AND ON TOP OF THAT, HE LEFT ME ALONE, UNABLE TO SEE MY KIDS.
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FOR TEN YEARS I HATED HIM FOR IT.
I WANTED NOTHING MORE THAN TO KILL HIM WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS...
ベジ
BUT YOU KNOW... YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE THIS...
...BUT I STILL THINK OF HIM AS MY BEST FRIEND.
IT'S NOT HOW MUCH TIME YOU SPEND TOGETHER, LAUGHING, ENJOYING LIFE THAT MATTERS.
ONCE YOU'RE BEST FRIENDS, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU GROW TO HATE EACH OTHER, DETEST EACH OTHER...
...DEEP DOWN INSIDE, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE BEST FRIENDS.
I JUST CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO KILL HIM.
IF DOING THIS MAKES HIM HAPPY...
...I'LL LET HIM DO IT AS LONG AS HE FEELS LIKE IT, THIS ONE LAST TIME.

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GAAH!!
BLOOD?!
COUGH
COUGH
!
YOU... FOOL ...
HUFF
HUFF
IT'S NOT--
IT'S... NOT OVER YE--
ヨロ...
SO YOU'RE BACK? BACK FROM THE CONTROL OF THAT SECRET DB?
GLOR..
COUGH
HUFF
GEHUGH!
COUGH

ドスッ
KING ...
HEH HEH HEH... BACK AT DEMON CARD HEADQUARTERS, I STILL HAVE THE REMAINING ORACION SIX. THOSE FIVE ARE SO POWERFUL, THEY MAKE THE FIVE PALACE GUARDIANS LOOK LIKE CHUMPS.
HUFF
HUFF
THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER, IN CASE SOMETHING LIKE THIS EVER HAPPENED.
HUFF
THE ORACION SIX...
SO THAT'S WHO THEY WERE...
HUFF
BY USING MY FIFTH DB, **WARP ROAD**, I CAN SUMMON THEM IN AN INSTANT, ANY TIME I WANT.
HUFF
THIS DB ALLOWS INSTANT TRAVEL!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...
ドサッ
HARU!

I CAN'T EVEN HOLD MY SWORD ANY-MORE!
WHAT DO WE DO?
HEH HEH HEH...
GUHUCK!
COUGH COUGH
KING... IT'S OVER.
COUGH
YOU LOST, MY FRIEND.
GAAAAH!
HUFF HUFF
NOT YET...
IT'S NOT... OVER JUST YET...

FOR AGES, "TIME" HAS BEEN REVOLVING AROUND, INTERSECTING...
...ON THIS DAY.
ON THIS DAY, THE RAVES WERE BORN. ON THIS DAY THE WAR ENDED. WE WERE BOTH BORN, AND WE FIRST MET ON THIS VERY DAY.
"TIME" WILL CONTINUE TO INTERSECT HERE, ON THIS DAY.
DON'T YOU... GET IT... GLORY...?
THIS HAS TO BE SETTLED... NOW.
!?
THIS IS MORE THAN MERE COINCIDENCE... RUNNING THROUGH ALL THE EVENTS THAT MARK THE DAY WHEN TIME INTERSECTS IS A SINGLE THREAD... AND THAT THREAD CONNECTS SYMPHONIA AND RAREGROOVE.
THE DAY TIME INTERSECTS IS A **SPELL** PUT ON TIME BY THE SYMPHONIAS AND THE RAREGROOVES... YOU OR ME.. IN OTHER WORDS, SYMPHONIA OR RAREGROOVE...
AS LONG AS ONE SIDE IS NOT COMPLETELY WIPED OUT... THE TRAGIC CYCLE OF "TIME" CONTINUES.
HUFF
HUFF
SO IT MUST BE SETTLED.
HUFF

SETTLE WHO WILL GO ON LIVING.
HUFF
HUFF
YOU THINK YOU'VE WON? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.... I'M STILL ALIVE...
GLORY...I'M SURE...YOU KNOW...THIS ALREADY... IT'S NOT ABOUT WINNING...OR LOSING...
IT'S ABOUT **LIFE** OR **DEATH.**
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IF YOU THINK YOU'VE WON, THEN FINISH ME OFF.
HUFF
HUFF
...SO THE CURSE OF TIME CAN BE LIFTED...
BUT IF NOT...I SHALL KILL ALL OF YOU...
IF YOU DON'T HURRY, I'LL SUMMON THE ORACION SIX...
ドクッ!
YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE. YOU'LL ALL BE DEAD BEFORE YOU CAN BLINK.
ドクッ!
ドクッ!
COME ON...JUST KILL ME... FINISH ME OFF, ONCE AND FOR ALL...
HUFF
HUFF
DO IT AND EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER.
KING...
HUFF
HUFF
KING...
YOU'RE READY TO DIE?

I CAN'T DO IT.
カァン
I CAN'T KILL MY BEST FRIEND.
IT SHAMES ME TO KNOW THAT MY OLD FRIEND IS SUCH A COWARD...

HAVE IT YOUR WAY!
I'LL DO IT MYSELF!
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HE CAN'T MEAN...

END OF EARTH?!
HE'S GONNA CAUSE ANOTHER OVERDRIVE!!!
AFTER WE'VE COME SO FAR...
SO...THIS IS THE END OF EVERYTHING...?
1F Punk ARMS
Welcome
BATTLE
PUNK DAN
666
BIG

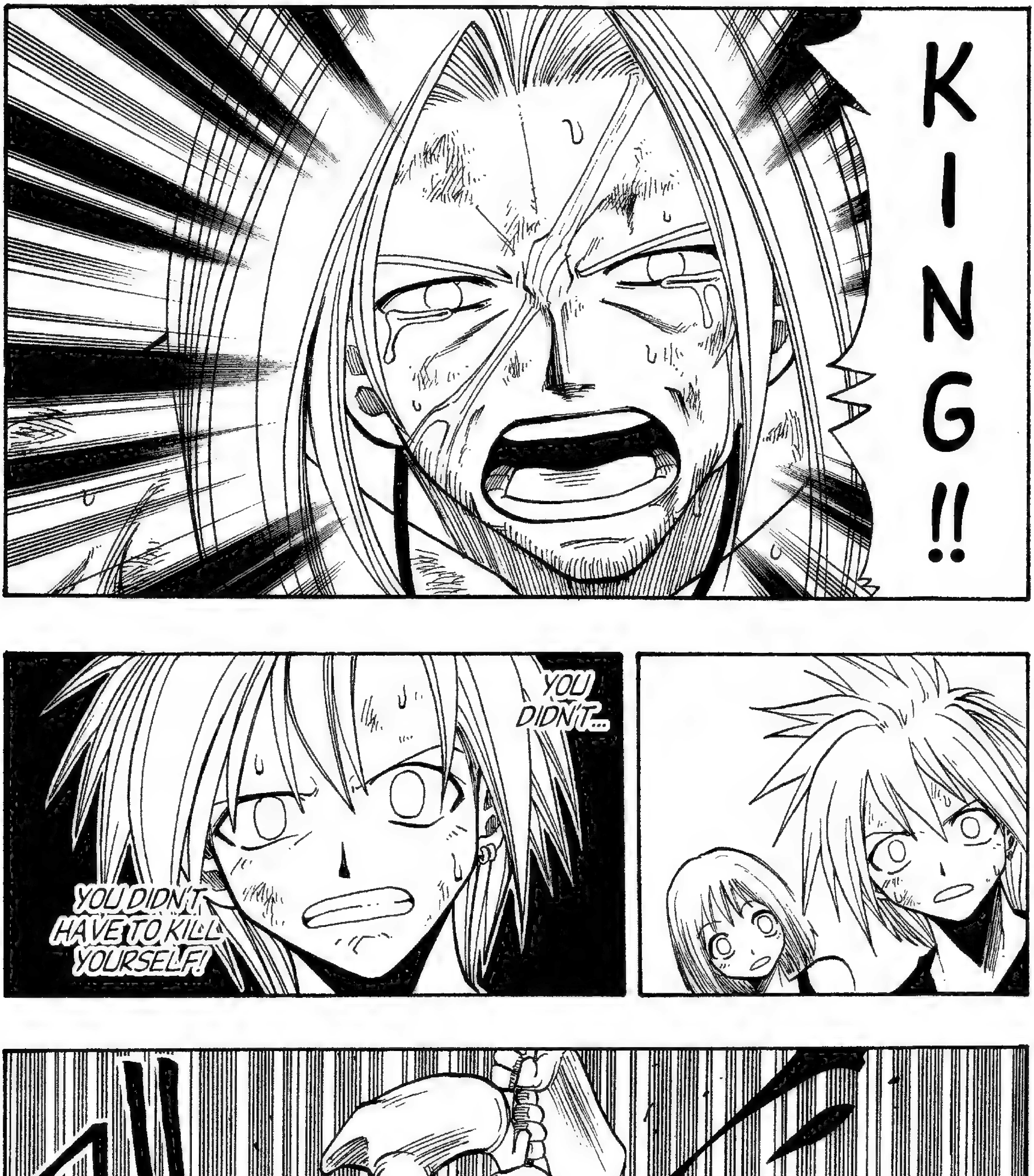
EVERYONE...
FORGIVE ME...
N--NO, WAIT!! THE END OF EARTH DB DISAPPEARED FROM INSIDE MY BODY!!
WH-WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!
HE COULDN'T HAVE...HE DID! HE TRANSPORTED IT WITH WARP ROAD!
BUT WHERE DID HE SEND END OF EARTH? WHERE'S THE OVERDRIVE?!
KING... YOU DIDN'T...?

DEMON CARD HEADQUARTERS.
THE ORACION SIX...
...AND THE ENTIRE DEMON CARD ORGANIZATION... AS THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, I PUT AN END TO IT ALL MYSELF.
I WANT TO PUT AN END TO EVERYTHING...
...SO NO ONE ELSE IS CURSED BY THE INTERSECTION OF TIME...EVER AGAIN.

AS OF NOW...
...DEMON CARD IS NO MORE!!

RAVE MASTER
Hello!!
Let's go together!

RAVE:71 ✚ OVERFLOW


KING!!
YOU DIDN'T...
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO KILL YOURSELF!
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WH- WHAT'S THAT FLASH OF LIGHT?
AH... AAA-AAH...
がく...
NO, IT CAN'T BE...
THAT FLASH OF LIGHT... THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...

THAT WAS THE OVERDRIVE.
HARU...
PLEASE BE SAFE...
PLEASE... FATHER... MOTHER...
...WATCH OVER HARU FOR ME.
Imperial Capital
DID YOU HEAR?! THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION AT DEMON CARD HEADQUARTERS!
IT HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED, BUT IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THE OVERDRIVE!
CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT KING SURVIVED THE BLAST! AND DON'T FORGET TO CHECK ON THE OTHER COMMANDERS TOO!
YES, SIR!
GENERAL JEID, WE SHOULD BE MOVING OUT!!
WE MUST GET TO HEADQUARTERS TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED!
UMPH...
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED?
HOW COULD HEADQUARTERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY THE OVERDRIVES, DEMON CARD'S OWN ULTIMATE WEAPON?
OUR GENERALS, THE ORACION SIX, ALL WIPED OUT...
YOU'RE NOT REALLY DEAD...ARE YOU, JEGAN?

A SPECIAL IMPERIAL TEAM IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION IN THE HARDCORE MOUNTAINS THAT TOOK OUT DEMON CARD HEADQUARTERS.
LUCKILY, IT APPEARS AS IF NO CIVILIANS WERE KILLED IN THE BLAST.
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MERMEID
ARMS
THAT SEEMED TOO SMALL TO HAVE BEEN THE OVERDRIVE... IT WAS MORE LIKE SOMEONE SET OFF AN EXPLOSION TO ONLY DESTROY THE DCHQ.
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON HERE...?
I SAW IT...
I HAD A VISION. THAT FLASH OF LIGHT...AN EXPLOSION.
IT CAME FROM THE NORTH. I THINK IT WAS THE OVERDRIVE.
NORTH? THE HARDCORE MOUNTAINS LIE IN THAT DIRECTION!
MOUNTAINS... YES. I SAW A HUGE FORTRESS GOING UP IN FLAMES.
A FORTRESS? THAT'S DEMON CARD HEADQUARTERS!

THEY WON!
HARU AND THE OTHERS DID IT!
ワァァァァ!!
SURE LOOKS LIKE IT.
HEH... I'M IMPRESSED. HARU PULLED THROUGH.
NOW I CAN...FINALLY REST...
...IN...PEACE...
SOLASIDO, LET'S WAIT FOR THEM BACK AT RABARRIER!!
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ELIE WAS ABLE TO DELIVER THE RAVE STONE IN TIME!!
RIGHT... AND MUSICA NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION!
HA HA HA!! HE DID IT! THE KID DID IT!!

KING!!
KING! HOLD ON THERE, OLD FRIEND!
YOU CAN'T DIE!! KING!!
G-G-GLO-ORY...
HUFF
HUFF
コポ…
コポ…
I-I KN-KNEW... ALL... AL-ALONG...

I-I KNEW...ALL AL-LONG...
HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF
IT WASN'T... YOUR FAULT... EMILIA...OR LUCIA...GOT KILLED...
I-IT WAS-WASN'T... EVEN... THE EMPIRE'S ...FAULT ...
IT WAS... ALL...MY FAULT... I WAS... WEAK...
AND YET...I...I...
...WENT AND DID... SOMETHING... TERRIBLE...
ぶわっ...
I KILLED... YOUR SAKURA...

YOU... YOU'VE WON. THE...CURSE...OF TIME...HAS BEEN BROKEN...
HOLD YOUR CHIN UP HIGH... GLORY...AND YOU TOO, RAVE MASTER...
YOU HAVE... ATTAINED... YOUR PEACE.
HE'S CRYING?
IT'S OKAY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO TALK ANYMORE.
IT'S ALL...
...OVER ...NOW.
KING!!
GLO-- GLORY...
WE'RE STILL BEST FRIENDS, RIGHT?!
WE CAN STILL START OVER!! ISN'T THAT RIGHT?!

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FAREWELL... MY FRIEND...

I'M GOING HOME...
...TO THE NEVER-ENDING SKY.

DAD...
NO...
HE'S NOT PLANNING ON STAYING HERE, IS HE?
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HARU!! MR. GLORY!! WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
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ALL RIGHT.
LET'S HEAD HOME.

WE HAVE TO LIVE.
AND LIVE ENOUGH FOR KING TOO.
LET'S GO!!
OKAY!
FAREWELL... MY FRIEND.

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SNAP! THE RUBBLE'S BLOCKING OUR WAY OUT.
HARU, MR. GLORY, I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE EXHAUSTED...
...SO LET ME HANDLE THIS!
HIYAAAAA!!
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WAY TO GO, ELIE!

COME ON! NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
HA HA! YOU GOT YOURSELF QUITE A CATCH THERE, SON.
Nice rack, too.
I TOLD YOU...IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
She IS pretty hot, though.
YOU DOG, YOU...SO, HAVE YOU KISSED HER YET? HUH, HUH?
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SHUT UP, YOU STUPID FLUSH-DUMP!
WHY, YOU--! HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FATHER LIKE THAT!!
I CALLED YOU FLUSHDUMP 'CAUSE YOUR HEAD'S FULL OF CRAP!
YOU LITTLE TURD!! IS THAT ANY WAY TO TALK TO YOUR FATHER?!
LIKE A FATHER THAT CALLS HIS SON A "LITTLE TURD" HAS ANY ROOM TO TALK!!
HOW IN THE WORLD DID YOU END UP WITH A MOUTH LIKE THIS, HUH?
LIKE YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, STUPID OLD COOT!!
OLD?! THAT'S AGE DISCRIMINATION! YOU'RE A CRAPPY SON, YOU KNOW THAT?! YOU LITTLE SNOT!
SO I'M A SNOT NOW, HUH?!
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AH HA HA HA! LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON!

AW, GREAT. YOU WENT AND EMBARRASSED ME IN FRONT OF A GIRL.
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR SAYING THAT ABOUT ME AND ELIE.
ELIE...?
ELIE?
ELIE? NO, IT CAN'T BE...
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ELIE, LOOK OUT!!
DUCK!!
WHAT?!
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EEEEEK!
HELP!!

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YOU REALLY SHOULD BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL, YOU KNOW.
THIS TOWER IS ABOUT TO CRUMBLE TO PIECES.
YOU MUSTN'T FORGET HOW MUCH DANGER YOU ARE IN RIGHT NOW.

LET !!
COME, FOLLOW ME.
I WILL LEAD YOU TO THE EXIT!!
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DO NOT THINK THAT I AM RESCUING YOU. I JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU DIE, THAT'S ALL.
IF YOU DIE, I WOULD NOT GET TO CHALLENGE YOU AGAIN.
HA HA! THAT'S FINE WITH ME!
I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT!
THANKS, MR. ALLIGATOR!
I AM A DRAGON.
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EVEN PEOPLE WHO WERE HIS ENEMIES ARE JOINING HIS SIDE NOW. I BET PEOPLE GRAVITATE TO YOU NATURALLY... LIKE A STAR SHINING BRIGHT IN THE NIGHT SKY.

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CAN'T BE STEPPING ON A PICTURE OF A DRAGON AS A DRAGON LEADS OUR ESCAPE.
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DAD!!
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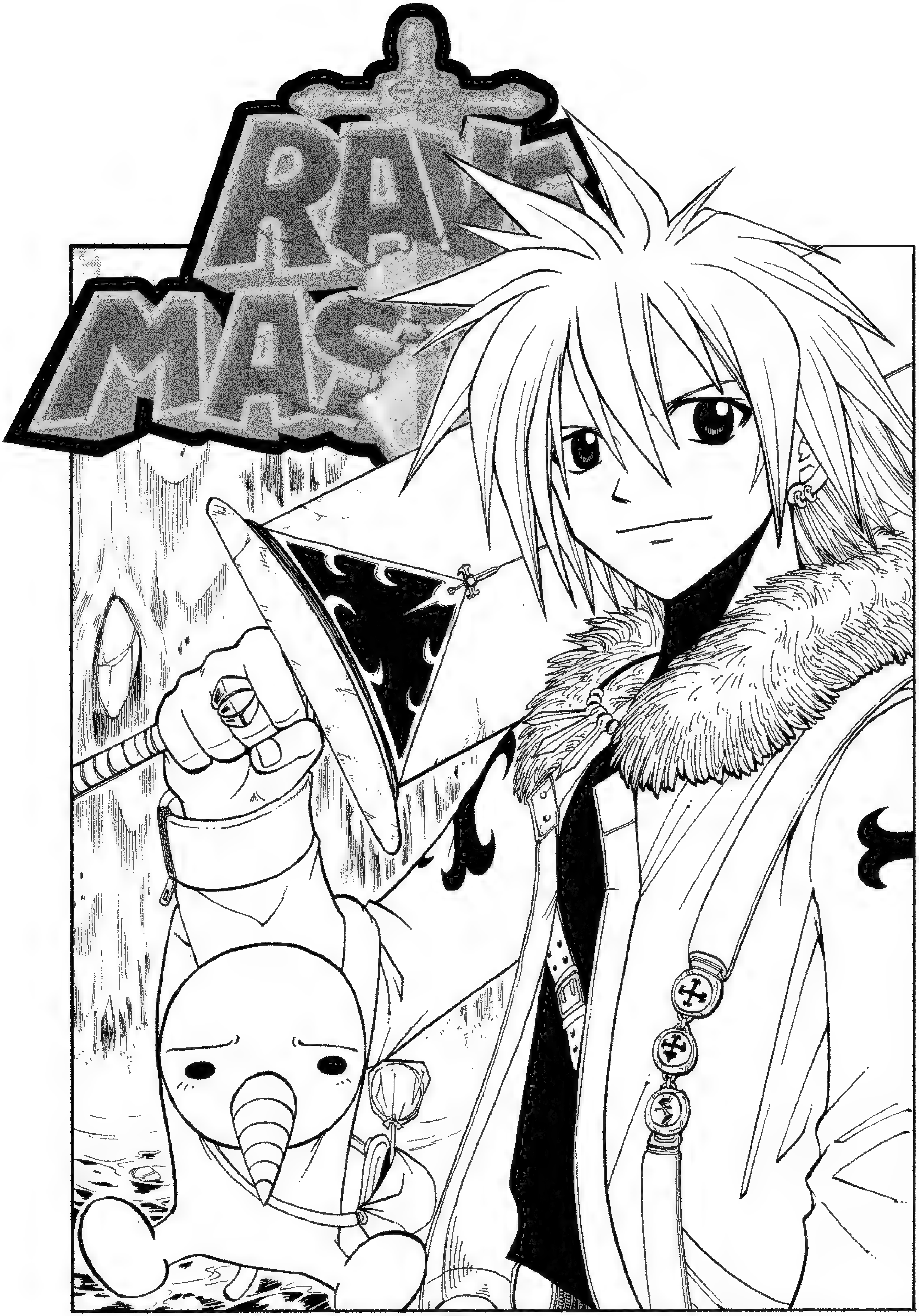

RAVE:72 ✚ AS A DAD

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DAD!!
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HARU!
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WHAT TO DO...
TO SAVE THEM OR NOT TO SAVE THEM...?

HARU!! MR. GLORY!!
COME!
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BUT --!!
LASS... BELIEVE AND TRUST IN THEM...
...FOR TRUST IS ANOTHER PART OF COURAGE.
HARU...
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I WILL WATCH OVER THE GIRL, RAVE MASTER...
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...JUST MAKE IT OUT ALIVE.
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DAD... YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH... SORRY 'BOUT THAT... GUESS I WASN'T WATCHING WHERE I WAS GOING.
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BUT YOU, WHY'D YOU HAFTA GO AND FOLLOW ME DOWN HERE, STUPID?
WE BARELY HAVE ANY STRENGTH LEFT AS IT IS. I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE.
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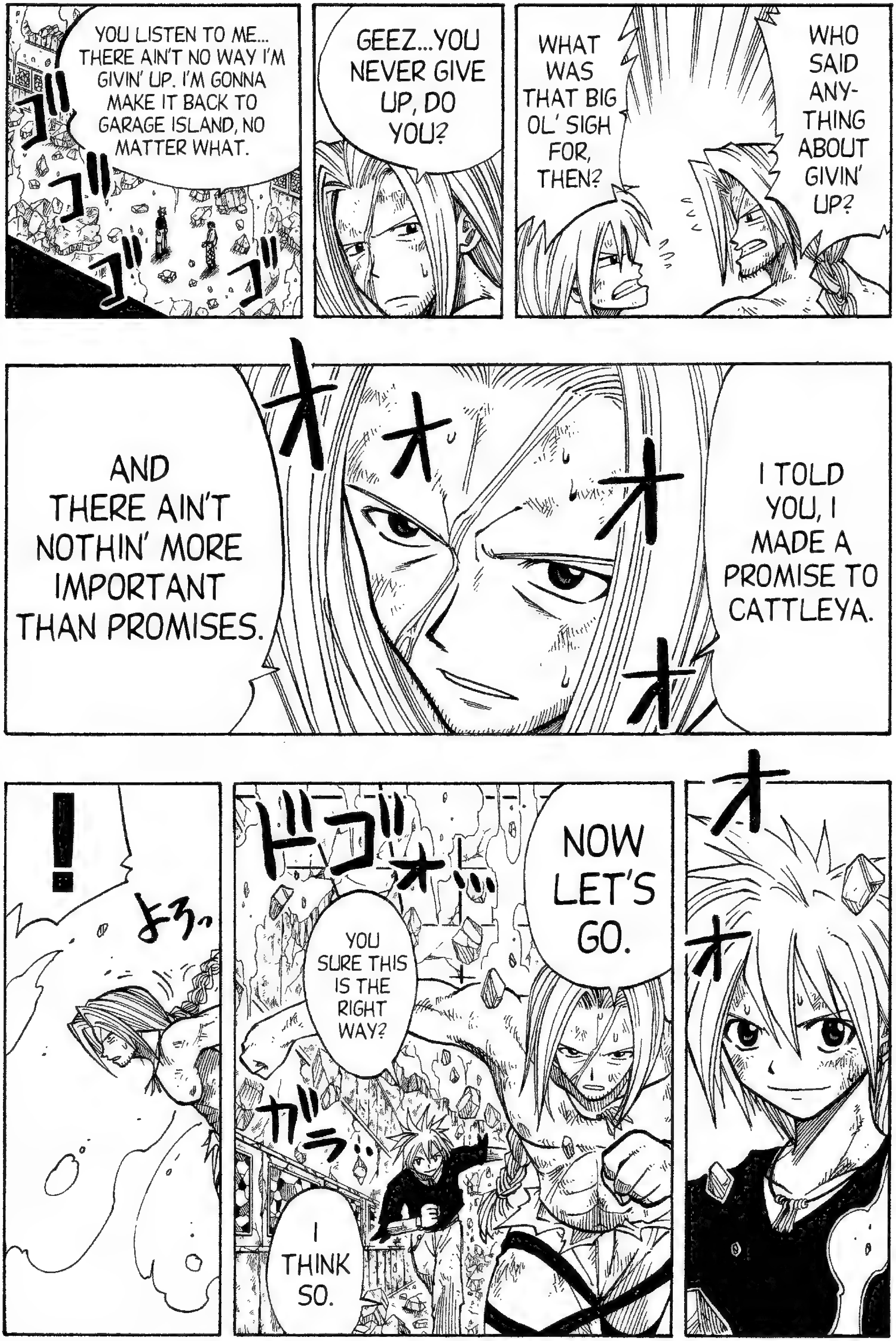
WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET OUT OF HERE.
SIGH...
DON'T GIVE UP!!
WE WILL MAKE IT OUTTA HERE!


YOU LISTEN TO ME... THERE AIN'T NO WAY I'M GIVIN' UP. I'M GONNA MAKE IT BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND, NO MATTER WHAT.
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GEEZ...YOU NEVER GIVE UP, DO YOU?
WHAT WAS THAT BIG OL' SIGH FOR, THEN?
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT GIVIN' UP?
AND THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' MORE IMPORTANT THAN PROMISES.
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I TOLD YOU, I MADE A PROMISE TO CATTLEYA.
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NOW LET'S GO.
YOU SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY?
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I THINK SO.
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DON'T OVERDO IT. HERE, LEAN ON MY SHOULDER.
HEY, HARU...
ABOUT CATTLEYA, DID SHE GROW UP TO BE A BABE, LIKE HER MOM?
SURE DID. SHE'S THE MOST HAPPENIN' CHICK ON GARAGE ISLAND.
WHAT? SHE'S **HAPPENIN'**?! Y-Y-Y-Y-YOU AREN'T TALKING ABOUT BOYFRIENDS, ARE YOU?
SHE HAD ONE A WHILE BACK. THAT GUY REALLY TICKED ME OFF, ALWAYS MAKING SIS CRY AND STUFF.
HE'S *DEAD MEAT!!*
DON'T WORRY. I ALREADY SOCKED IT TO HIM.
ATTA-BOY!!

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WHAT ABOUT GENMA? HOW'S HE DOIN'?
LAUGHIN' LIKE A HYENA, JUST LIKE ALWAYS. STILL AIN'T MARRIED, THOUGH.
THAT'S TOO BAD. HE'S A GOOD GUY.
MAN, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE AGAIN.
AS SOON AS I GET BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND, I'LL ROUND EVERYONE UP...
...SO I CAN SAY..."I'M HOME."
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WHA--?!
AW, MAN!!
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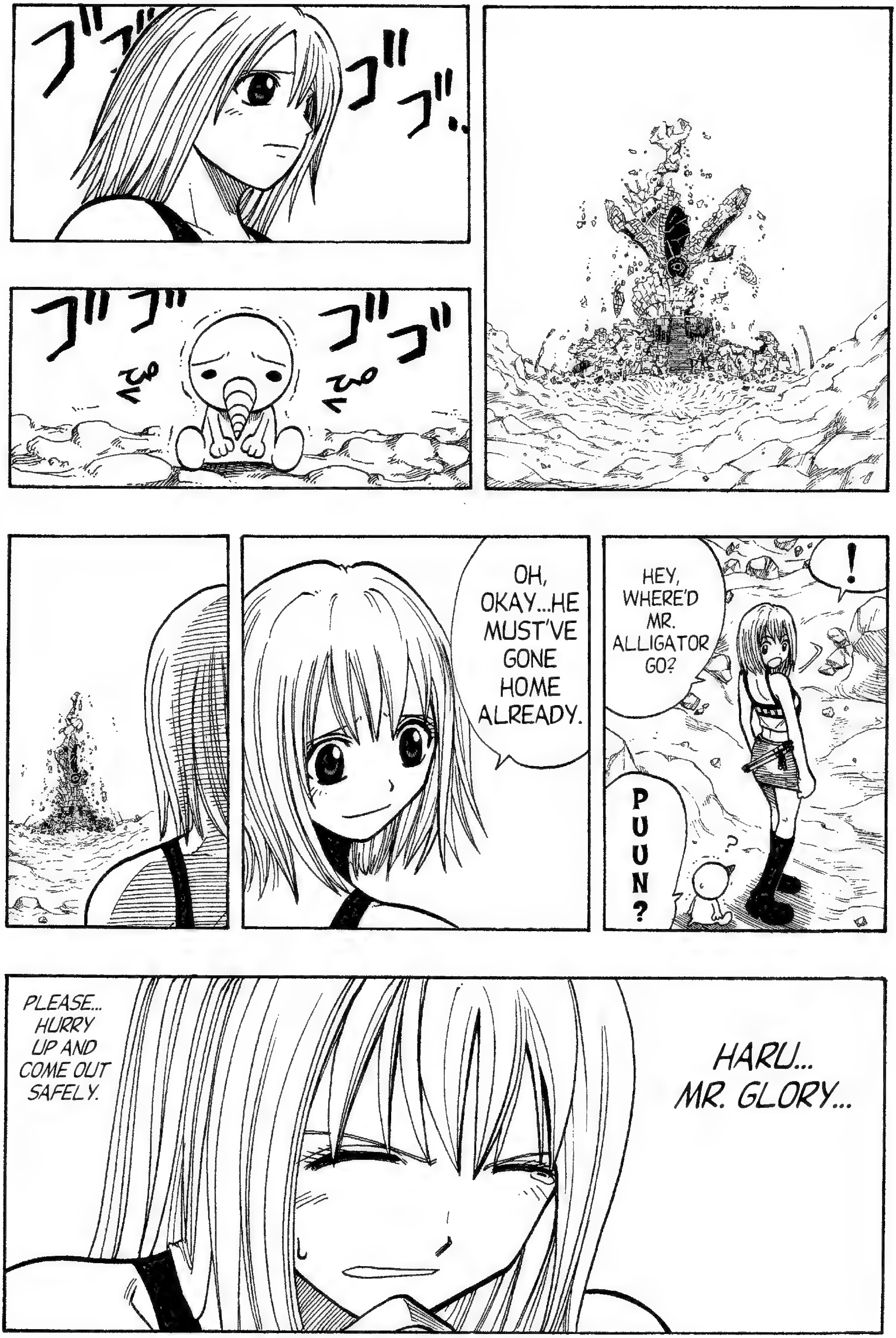
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HEY, WHERE'D MR. ALLIGATOR GO?
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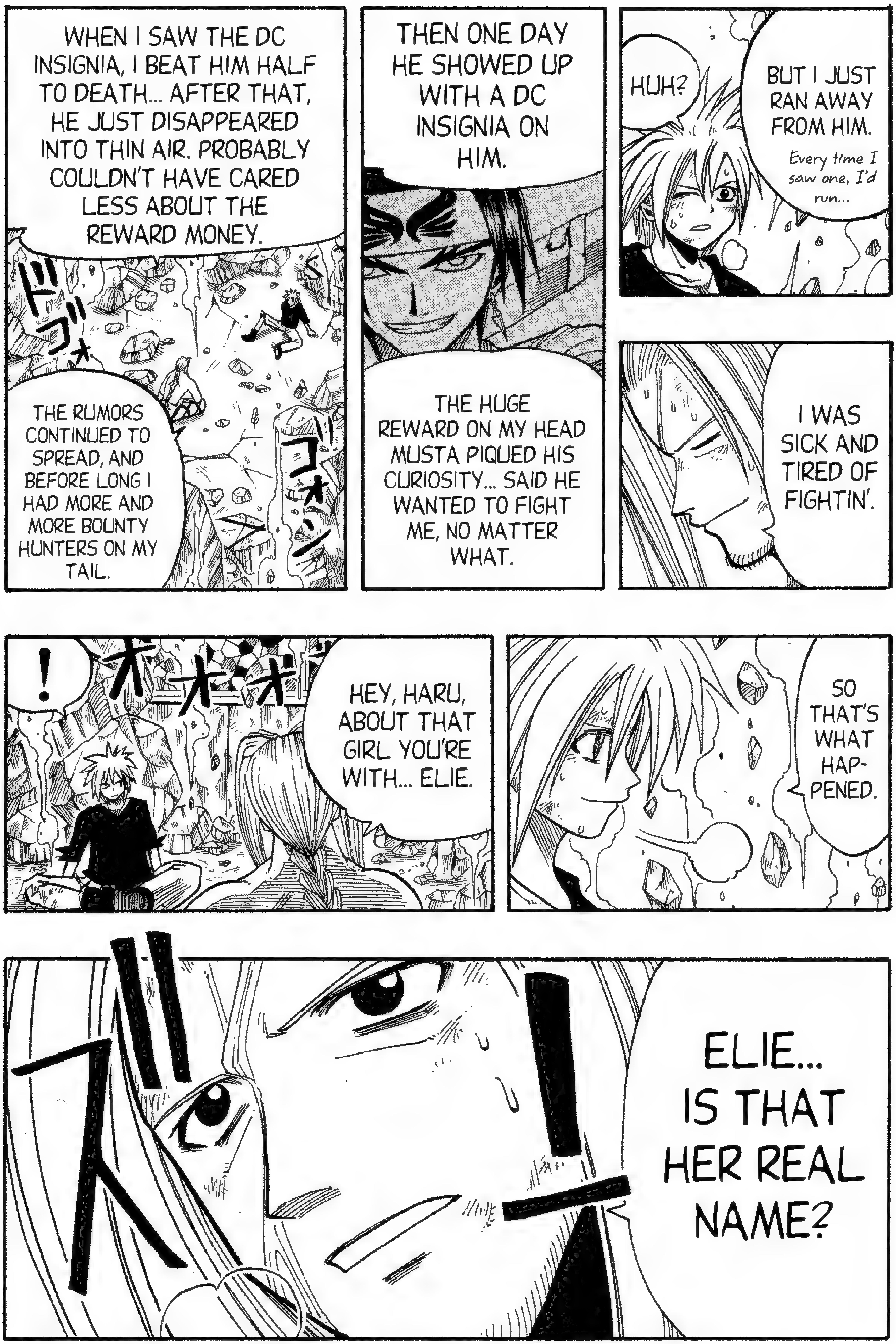
OH, OKAY...HE MUST'VE GONE HOME ALREADY.
HARU... MR. GLORY...
PLEASE... HURRY UP AND COME OUT SAFELY.

AW, STANK!! THIS AIN'T LOOKIN' GOOD...
WE CAME ALL THIS WAY, ONLY TO GET TRAPPED INSIDE...
IT'S GETTING HARD TO BREATHE DOWN HERE.
YEAH. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF OXYGEN.
NORMALLY IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, CHATTING WOULD BE THE WORST THING YOU COULD DO. USES UP TOO MUCH OXYGEN.
NO CAN DO, DAD.
I'VE GOT TOO MUCH I WANNA TALK TO YOU ABOUT.
YEAH...
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
DAD...THAT REMINDS ME. I MET THIS GUY NAMED SHUDA.
HE AN OLD BUDDY FROM YOUR DC DAYS?
NAH... I MET HIM WHILE I WAS OUT IN THE DESERT.
AT THE TIME THERE WAS A HIT OUT ON MY HEAD, WITH ME BEING A FORMER LEADER OF DC AND ALL.
SHUDA WAS ONE OF THE BOUNTY HUNTERS WHO CAME LOOKIN' FOR ME.


WHEN I SAW THE DC INSIGNIA, I BEAT HIM HALF TO DEATH... AFTER THAT, HE JUST DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR. PROBABLY COULDN'T HAVE CARED LESS ABOUT THE REWARD MONEY.
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THE RUMORS CONTINUED TO SPREAD, AND BEFORE LONG I HAD MORE AND MORE BOUNTY HUNTERS ON MY TAIL.
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THEN ONE DAY HE SHOWED UP WITH A DC INSIGNIA ON HIM.
THE HUGE REWARD ON MY HEAD MUSTA PIQUED HIS CURIOSITY... SAID HE WANTED TO FIGHT ME, NO MATTER WHAT.
HUH?
BUT I JUST RAN AWAY FROM HIM.
Every time I saw one, I'd run...
I WAS SICK AND TIRED OF FIGHTIN'.
SO THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED.
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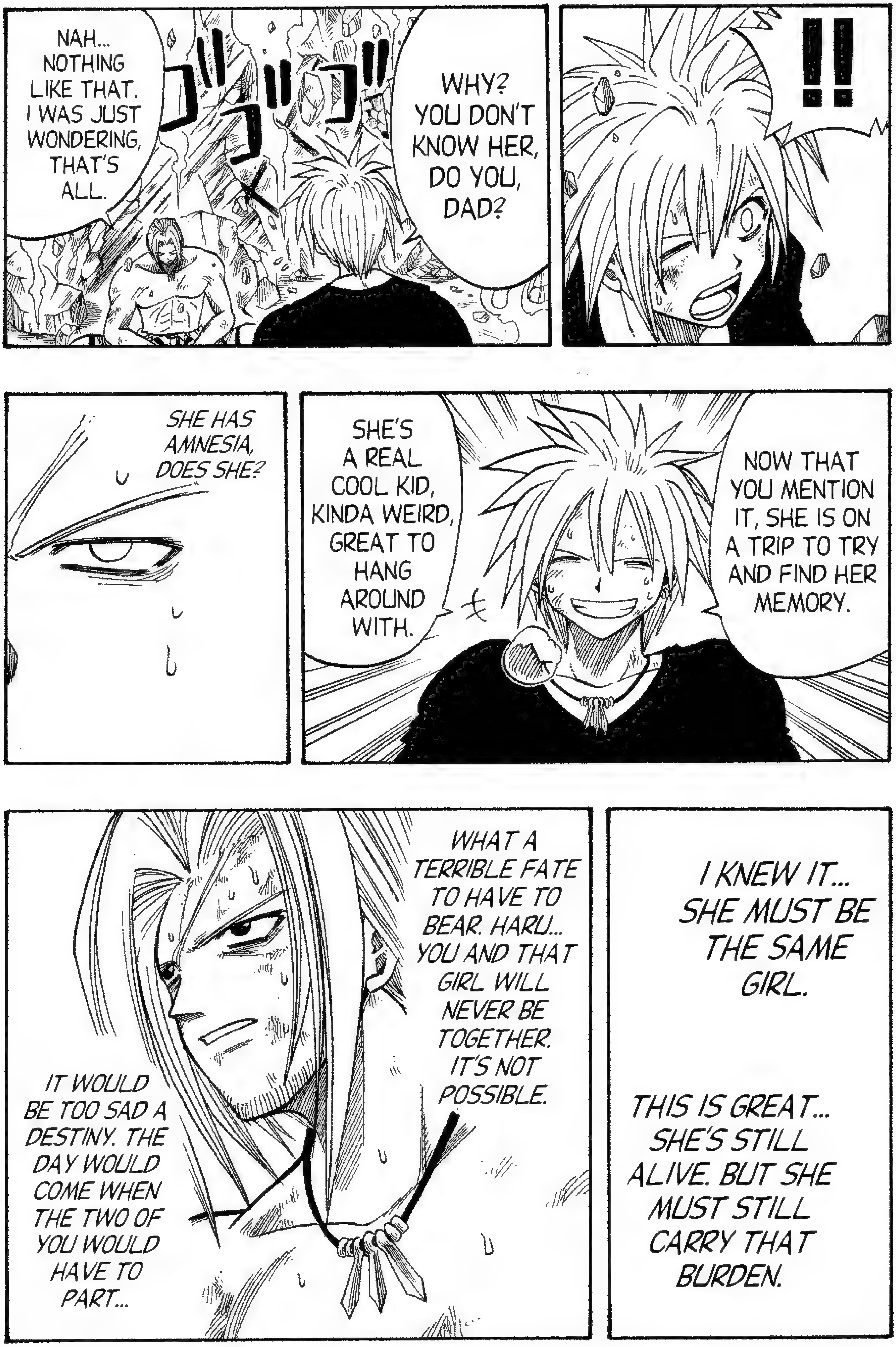
HEY, HARU, ABOUT THAT GIRL YOU'RE WITH... ELIE.
ELIE... IS THAT HER REAL NAME?


WHY? YOU DON'T KNOW HER, DO YOU, DAD?
NAH... NOTHING LIKE THAT. I WAS JUST WONDERING, THAT'S ALL.
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SHE HAS AMNESIA, DOES SHE?
SHE'S A REAL COOL KID, KINDA WEIRD, GREAT TO HANG AROUND WITH.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, SHE IS ON A TRIP TO TRY AND FIND HER MEMORY.
WHAT A TERRIBLE FATE TO HAVE TO BEAR. HARU... YOU AND THAT GIRL WILL NEVER BE TOGETHER. IT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
IT WOULD BE TOO SAD A DESTINY. THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN THE TWO OF YOU WOULD HAVE TO PART...
I KNEW IT... SHE MUST BE THE SAME GIRL.
THIS IS GREAT... SHE'S STILL ALIVE. BUT SHE MUST STILL CARRY THAT BURDEN.

WHAT AM I THINKING? WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY OUTTA HERE, FAST...
I'M...I'M SCARED, DAD... I DON'T FEEL TOO GOOD.
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HUFF
YEAH...
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IT'S OVER.
IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE WHOLE TOWER GOES.
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NO! I CAN'T GIVE UP! THERE HAS TO BE A WAY...
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I HAVE TO STAY WITH HARU...
HUFF
HUFF
...AND GO BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND...

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I KNEW THINGS SEEMED... TOO GOOD... TO BE TRUE...
HUFF
CAN'T... MOVE...
HUFF
I KNOW THINGS LOOK BAD, HARU. SOON THE WHOLE TOWER WILL BE RUBBLE.
BUT WE CAN'T GIVE UP YET. MIRACLES CAN HAPPEN...
HA HA... "DON'T GIVE UP," HUH? THAT'S WHAT I KEEP TELLING MYSELF...BUT I THINK...I'VE RUN OUT OF MIRACLES...
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HARU...
ドォーン
EVER HEARD OF SOMETHING CALLED STAR MEMORY?
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STAR MEMORY?
YEAH... SO SAKURA AND CATTLEYA NEVER TOLD YOU 'BOUT IT?
IT'S A LEGEND PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE SYMPHONIA ROYAL FAMILY.

LEGEND HAS IT THAT SOMEWHERE ON THIS PLANET THERE'S A PLACE THAT HOLDS ALL THE QUESTIONS IN THE WORLD, AND ALL THE ANSWERS.
IT'S A SACRED PLACE, A NATURAL PHENOMENON MADE BY THE PLANET'S LIFE-FORCE OVER BILLIONS OF YEARS -- STAR MEMORY.
PRETTY COOL, HUH? STARS, PLANETS...
...REMEMBERING EVERYTHING FROM THE SECOND YOU'RE BORN.
THIS ISN'T JUST HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, OR EVEN MILLIONS. THIS IS BILLIONS OF YEARS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.
IT BLOWS YOUR MIND TO THINK ABOUT IT.
DAD...?
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COMPARED TO THAT, WE HUMANS ARE SO SMALL, SO INSIGNIFICANT...
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OUR MEMORIES ARE JUST A DROP OF WATER IN THAT SEA OF MEMORY, AND HECK, WE CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER EVERYTHING IN OUR OWN SHORT LIVES.
WE DO OUR BEST TO REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES, TRY TO FORGET THE BAD...

AND THEN THERE ARE SPECIAL CASES, LIKE ELIE, WHO CAN'T REMEMBER A THING.
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HARU…
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NEVER FORGET OUR TIME TODAY...
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DAD!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
MOVE!!
DON'T DO THIS!!
STOP!!

DAD!!
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS DURING OUR SHORT, FRAIL HUMAN LIFETIMES.
TO ME, IT'S PROMISES.
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, I PROMISED YOUR SISTER I'D COME BACK, NO MATTER WHAT.
BUT I JUST REALIZED SOMETHING.
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NO... MAYBE THE WONDERFUL STAR MEMORY OPENED MY PUNY LITTLE EYES TO IT...
WHAT?
RIGHT NOW, THERE'S SOMETHING EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT PROMISE.
AND THAT IS...

YOU. YOUR LIFE.
DON'T WORRY, SON. I'LL PROTECT YOU.
OH, DAD...

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NO... DAD...
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DAD!
DAD!!
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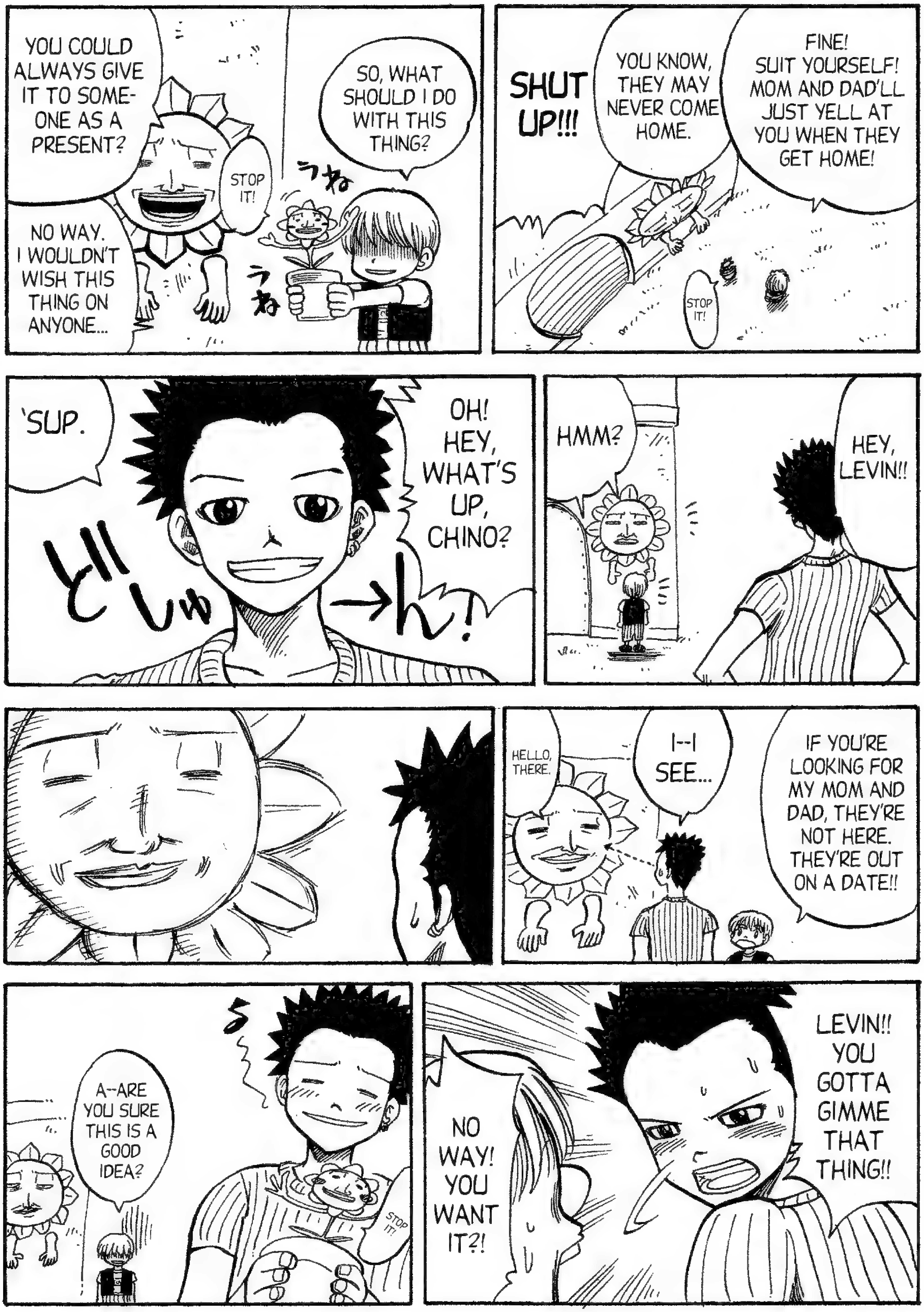
Levin Minds the House

Number 8 - The Present


FINE! SUIT YOURSELF! MOM AND DAD'LL JUST YELL AT YOU WHEN THEY GET HOME!
YOU KNOW, THEY MAY NEVER COME HOME.
SHUT UP!!!
STOP IT!
SO, WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS THING?
YOU COULD ALWAYS GIVE IT TO SOME-ONE AS A PRESENT?
STOP IT!
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NO WAY. I WOULDN'T WISH THIS THING ON ANYONE...
HEY, LEVIN!!
HMM?
OH! HEY, WHAT'S UP, CHINO?
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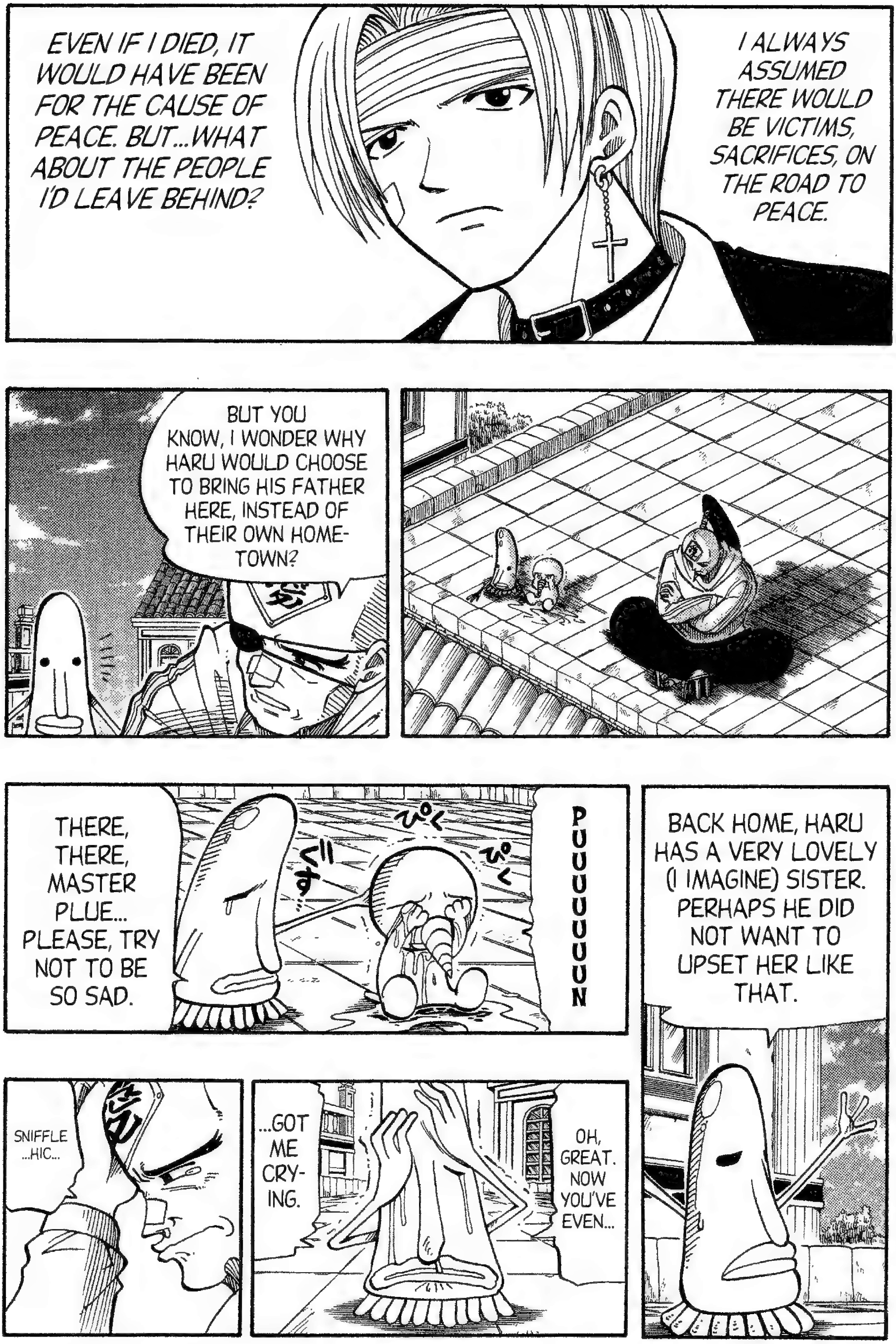
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MY MOM AND DAD, THEY'RE NOT HERE. THEY'RE OUT ON A DATE!!
I-I SEE...
HELLO, THERE.
LEVIN!! YOU GOTTA GIMME THAT THING!!
NO WAY! YOU WANT IT?!
STOP IT!
A-ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?

To be continued?

RAVE
MASTER
LOVE♥

RAVE:73 ✚ ETERNAL BONDS

MEAN-WHILE...
RABARRIER
LIFE...
BROTHER, I KNOW THE DEMONOIDS AND DEMON CARD ARE GONE...
...AND NOW THE WORLD CAN FINALLY HAVE PEACE...
...BUT ONE BOY'S FATHER HAD TO GIVE UP HIS LIFE FOR US TO HAVE IT.
IS THIS REALLY THE VICTORY WE WERE PRAYING FOR?


I ALWAYS ASSUMED THERE WOULD BE VICTIMS, SACRIFICES, ON THE ROAD TO PEACE.
EVEN IF I DIED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE. BUT...WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE I'D LEAVE BEHIND?
BUT YOU KNOW, I WONDER WHY HARU WOULD CHOOSE TO BRING HIS FATHER HERE, INSTEAD OF THEIR OWN HOMETOWN?
BACK HOME, HARU HAS A VERY LOVELY (I IMAGINE) SISTER. PERHAPS HE DID NOT WANT TO UPSET HER LIKE THAT.
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THERE, THERE, MASTER PLUE... PLEASE, TRY NOT TO BE SO SAD.
OH, GREAT. NOW YOU'VE EVEN...
...GOT ME CRYING.
SNIFFLE ...HIC...

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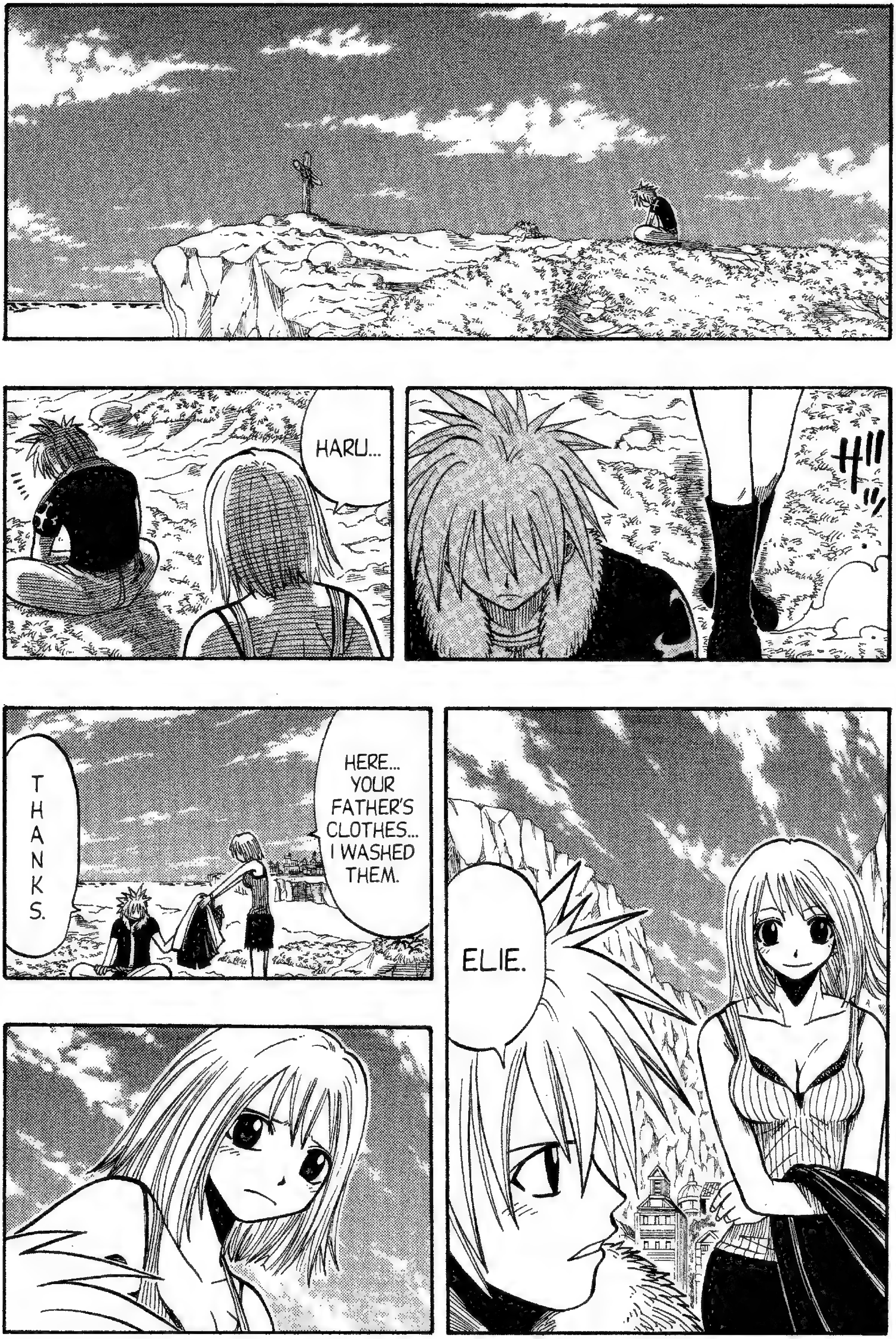
GALE GLORY


HARU...
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HERE... YOUR FATHER'S CLOTHES... I WASHED THEM.
THANKS.
ELIE.

MIND IF I SIT DOWN?
GO AHEAD.
ELIE.
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BOY, AM I STARVIN'.
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OH, YEAH! I BROUGHT COOKIES.
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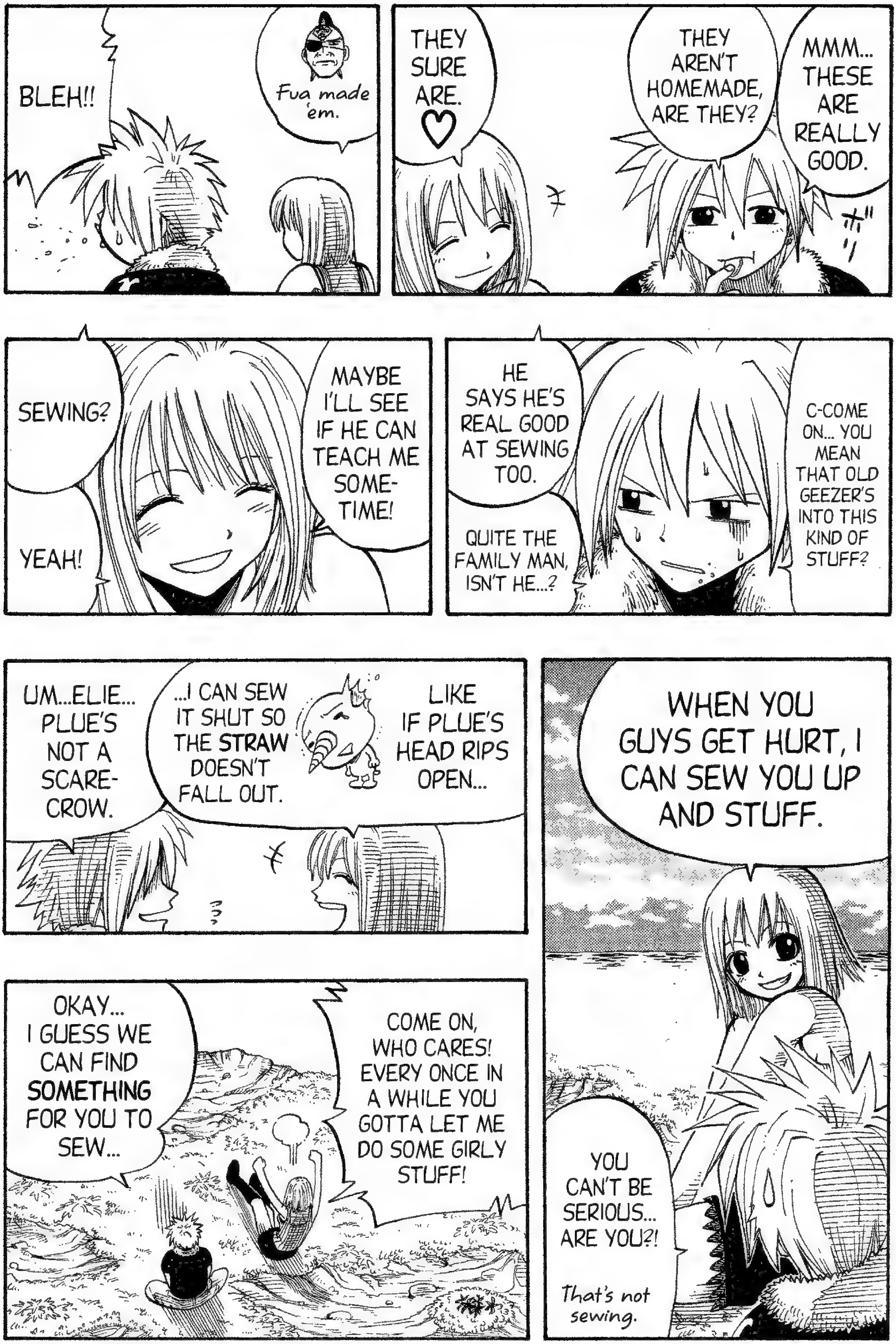
YOU WANT SOME?


MMM... THESE ARE REALLY GOOD.
THEY AREN'T HOMEMADE, ARE THEY?
THEY SURE ARE. ♡
Fua made 'em.
BLEH!!
C-COME ON... YOU MEAN THAT OLD GEEZER'S INTO THIS KIND OF STUFF?
HE SAYS HE'S REAL GOOD AT SEWING TOO.
QUITE THE FAMILY MAN, ISN'T HE...?
MAYBE I'LL SEE IF HE CAN TEACH ME SOME-TIME!
SEWING?
YEAH!
WHEN YOU GUYS GET HURT, I CAN SEW YOU UP AND STUFF.
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS... ARE YOU?!
That's not sewing.
LIKE IF PLUE'S HEAD RIPS OPEN...
...I CAN SEW IT SHUT SO THE **STRAW** DOESN'T FALL OUT.
UM...ELIE... PLUE'S NOT A SCARE-CROW.
COME ON, WHO CARES! EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE YOU GOTTA LET ME DO SOME GIRLY STUFF!
OKAY... I GUESS WE CAN FIND **SOMETHING** FOR YOU TO SEW...

YOU'RE CRAZY, YOU KNOW THAT? BUT...I REALLY LIKE HANGING OUT WITH YOU.
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OOH-HAH!
YOU CAME HERE TO CHEER ME UP, RIGHT?
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I THINK I'M BETTER NOW.
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OH!
A PICTURE.
AW, LOOK HOW CUTE YOU WERE AS A BABY!
HA HA... I'VE GOT THIS SAME PICTURE BACK IN MY ROOM.
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Sakura
Cattleya
Haru
Although we are apart, my heart will always be with you."
BOY, HOW YOU'VE GROWN...
I'VE BEEN LOOKIN' FORWARD TO THIS DAY FOR A LONG TIME.
WE'VE GOT THE REST OF OUR LIVES TO LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER.
WE'RE FAMILY. IT'S THAT SIMPLE.
AS SOON AS I GET BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND I'LL ROUND EVERYONE UP...
SO I CAN SAY... "I'M HOME."
RIGHT NOW THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO ME...
...IS YOU.

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OH, HARU...

IN SITUATIONS LIKE THESE...
...I DON'T THINK GUYS SHOULD HAVE TO HOLD BACK...
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WAAAAAAH!!
......!!!
WHY, DAMMIT?!
WHY ...?
I HATE THIS! I'LL NEVER GET TO SEE HIM AGAIN!!
I HATE THIS!!
I WANNA SEE HIM!! I WANNA SEE MY DAD!!
GALE GLORY
I JUST WANNA SEE MY DAD!!
I WANNA SEE HIM!!

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I JUST WANNA SEE HIM...
Sakura
Cattleya
Haru
Althought we are apart
my heart will alway
be with you.
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HARU.
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
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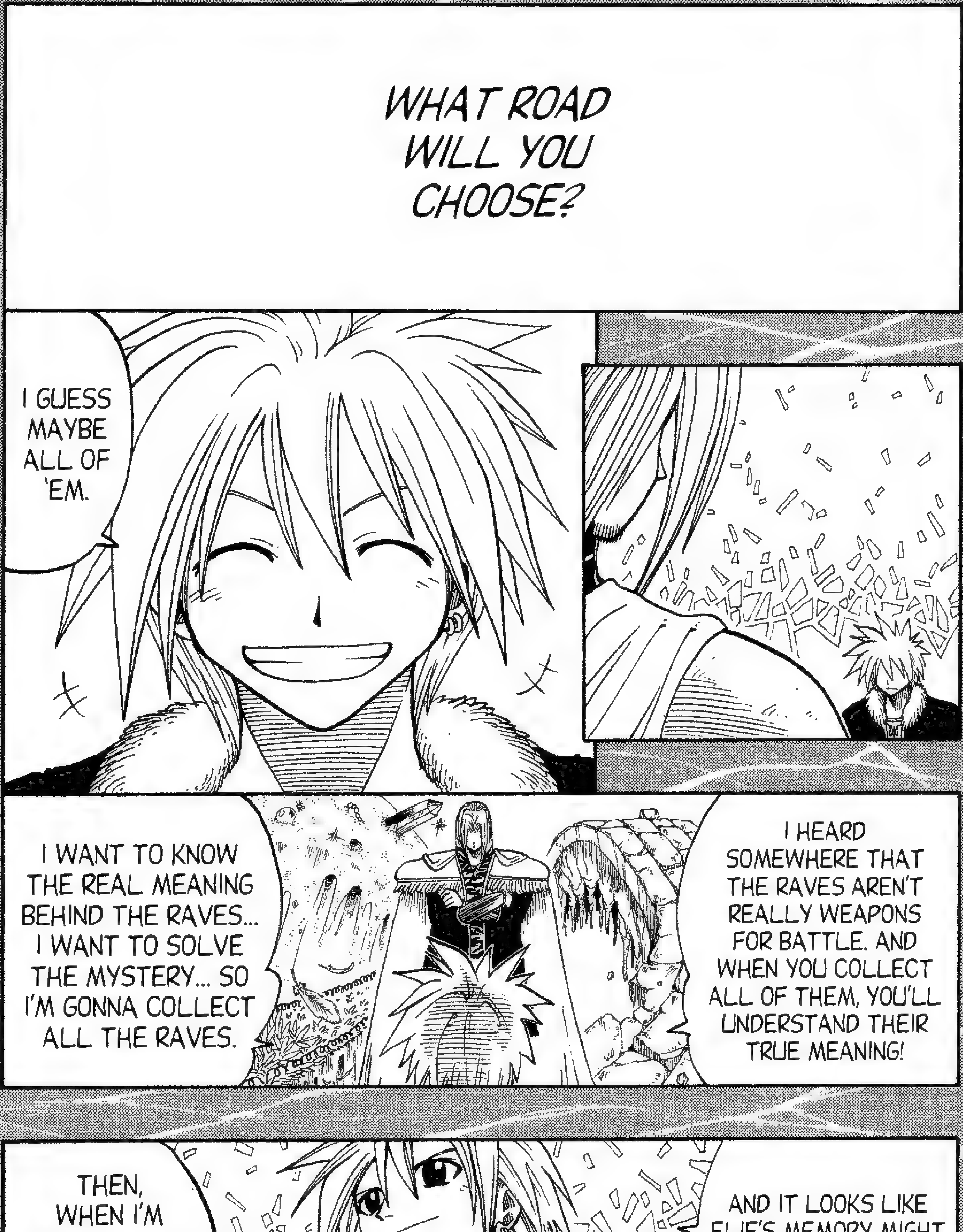
HARU...
DAD...?
WH-- WHERE IS THIS PLACE ...?
HERE, INSIDE YOUR HEART, YOU CAN SEE ME ANYTIME.
HA HA... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
INSIDE YOUR HEART.
LISTEN TO ME, HARU... LISTEN CLOSE.
RIGHT NOW, YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF DIFFERENT ROADS STRETCHING OUT IN FRONT OF YOU.
THE ROAD YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE... THAT'S SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT, AND DECIDE ON YOUR OWN.

HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU.
ON THIS PATH, YOU CAN LOOK FOR THE REMAINING TWO RAVES...
OVER HERE IS THE JOURNEY TO FIND ELIE'S MEMORY...
AND HERE'S THE ROAD BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND...
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH PATH YOU TAKE. ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU MAKE UP YOUR MIND ON YOUR OWN.
NO FATE, NO DESTINY, JUST YOUR OWN FREE WILL. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT DECISION.
BLACK STAR


WHAT ROAD WILL YOU CHOOSE?
I GUESS MAYBE ALL OF 'EM.
I WANT TO KNOW THE REAL MEANING BEHIND THE RAVES... I WANT TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY... SO I'M GONNA COLLECT ALL THE RAVES.
I HEARD SOMEWHERE THAT THE RAVES AREN'T REALLY WEAPONS FOR BATTLE. AND WHEN YOU COLLECT ALL OF THEM, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND THEIR TRUE MEANING!
THEN, WHEN I'M FINISHED WITH ALL THAT, I'LL GO BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND.
AND IT LOOKS LIKE ELIE'S MEMORY MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE RAVES TOO. SO IF WE'RE TRAVELING TOGETHER, WE JUST MIGHT FIND IT FOR HER.

RIGHT? ALL OF THEM.
HEH, HEH. GREEDY ONE, AREN'T YOU?
IF THAT IS THE ROAD YOU HAVE CHOSEN FOR YOURSELF, THEN MAY YOU TRAVEL IT.
MY HEART...
...WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU.
HMPH.
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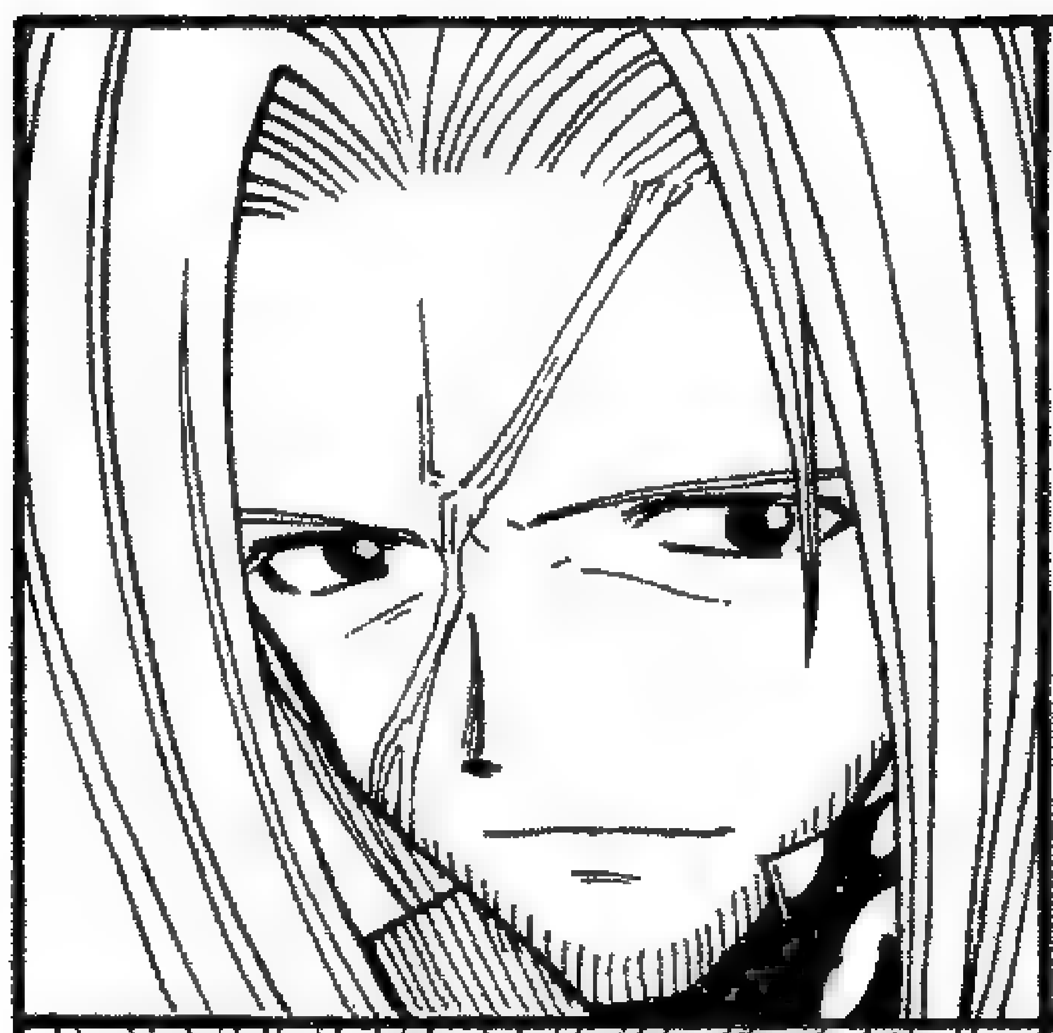
THANKS.
I'M FINE NOW.
NO MORE CRYING.

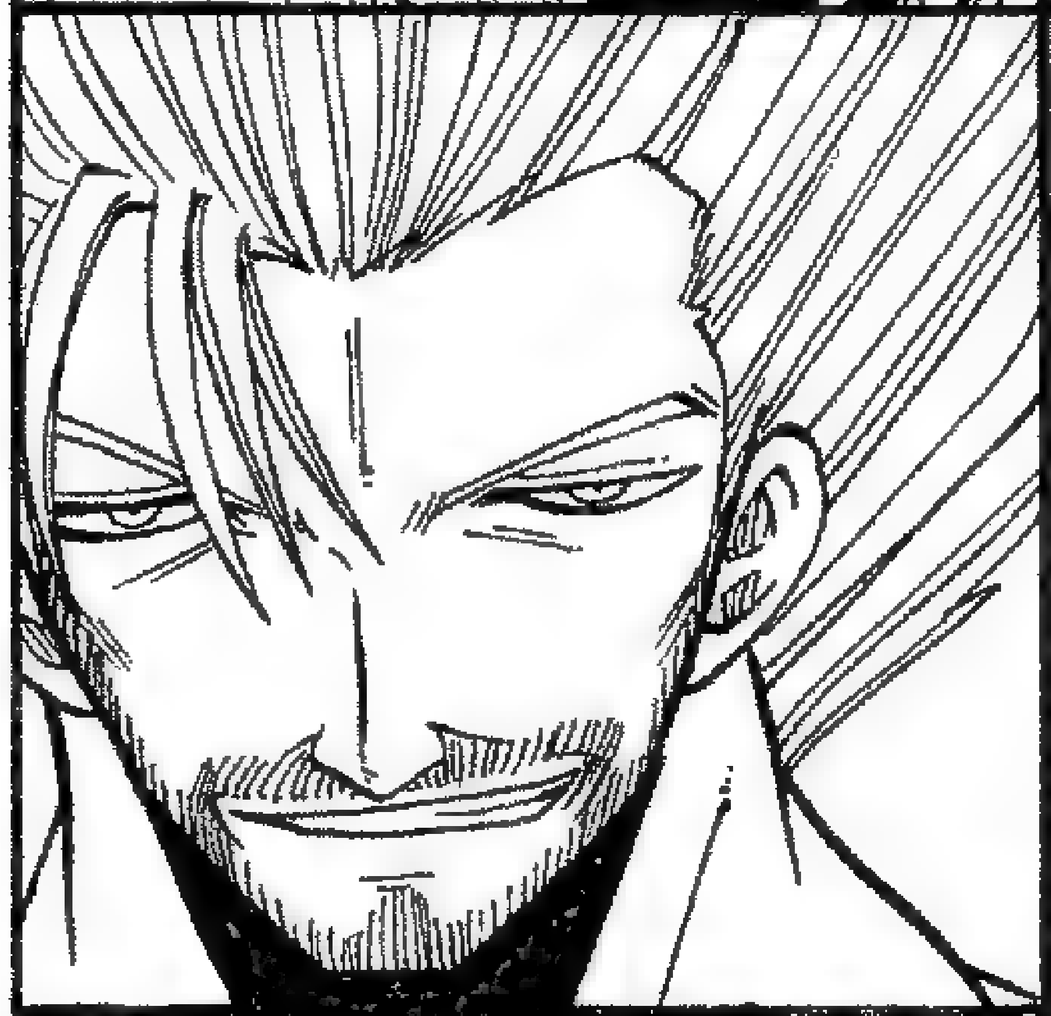
'CAUSE I HAVE A NEW JOURNEY TO BEGIN!
TO BE CONTINUED

Character Profiles



HARU'S FATHER, GALE GLORY (REAL NAME: GALE SYMPHONIA GLORY THE 6TH)

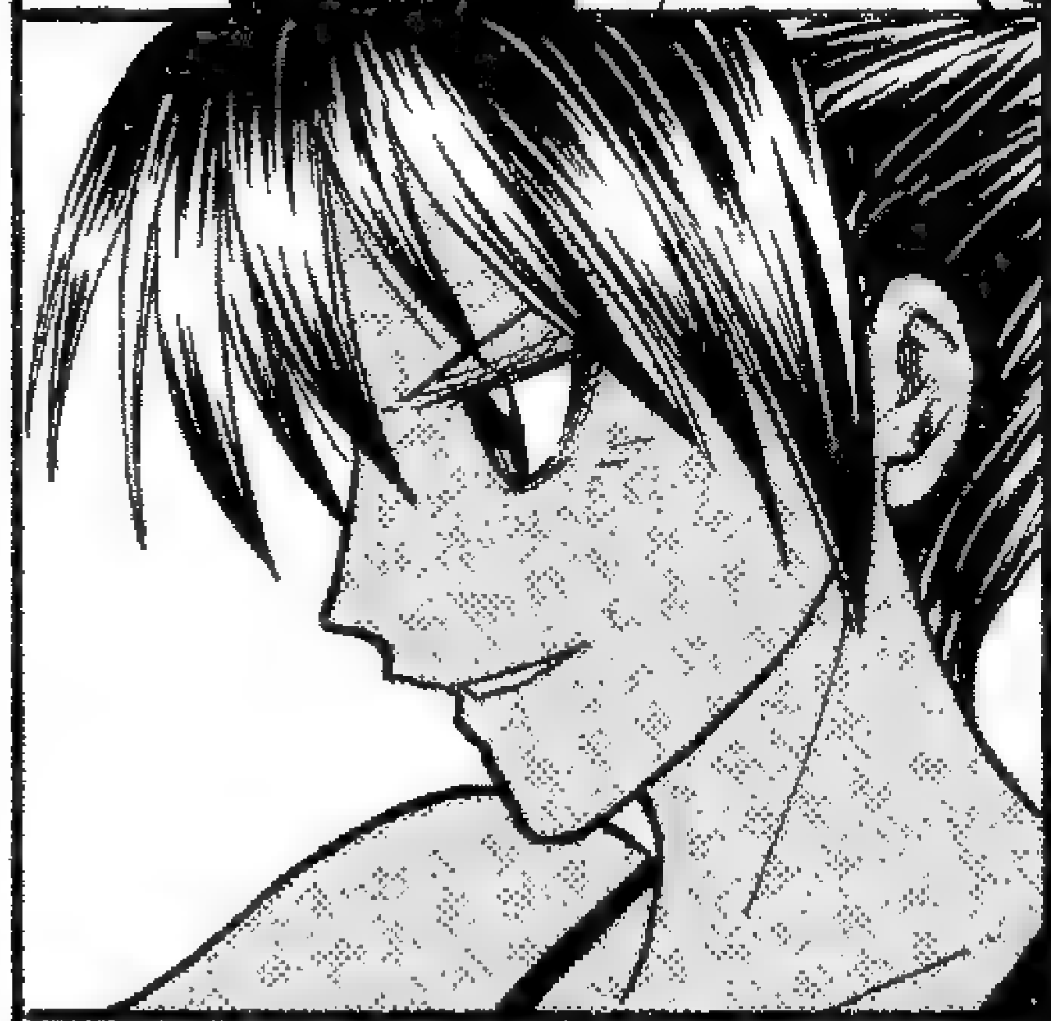
① SWORD (AZURE SKY BLADE)
② SEPTEMBER 9, 0021 / 45YO
③ 184CM / 74KG / TYPE A
④ MARRY LOOSE
⑤ WATCHING THE STARS
⑥ ENDURING LONELINESS
⑦ FAMILY
⑧ WHAT DEMON CARD BECAME



SUPREME COMMANDER OF DC: KING

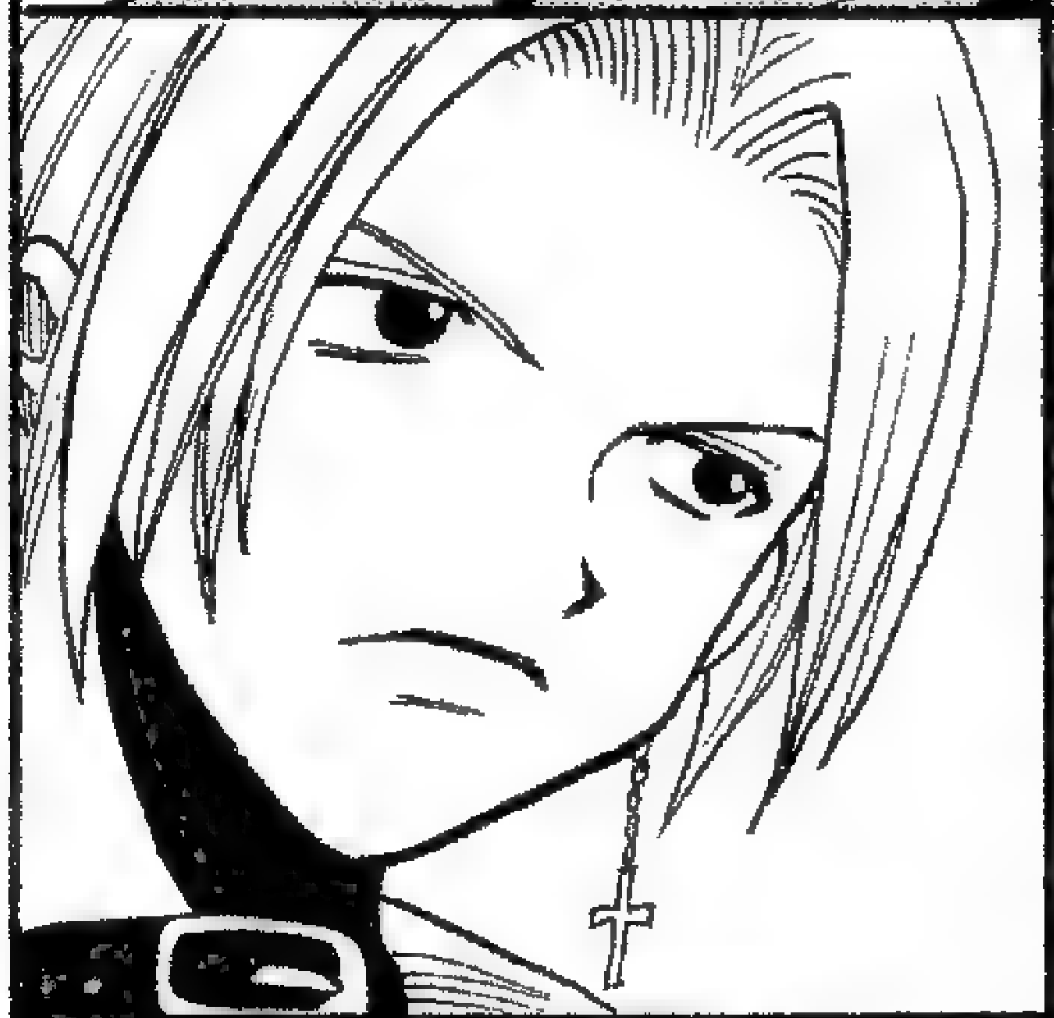
(REAL NAME: GALE RAREGROOVE)

① SWORD & DARKBRING (DECALOGUE, BLACK ZENITH, GATE, MONSTER PRISON, WARP ROAD)
② SEPTEMBER 9, 0021 / 45YO
③ 201CM / 92KG / TYPE AB
④ RAREGROOVE
⑤ LISTENING TO CLASSICAL MUSIC
⑥ THE ENCLAIM
⑦ DARK BRING
⑧ GALE GLORY



KEEPER OF THE RAVE: CLEA MALTESE (DURING WARRING KINGDOM ERA)

① DOUBLE SHORT SWORD (LAZ HOLY)
② 9993-0016 (DIED AT AGE 23)
③ 168CM / 47KG / TYPE B
④ AQUA PALACE
⑤ BIRD WATCHING
⑥ FENCING, HOLY BARRIER MAKING
⑦ SHIBA
⑧ SHIBA



KNIGHT OF THE HOLY BARRIER: SOLASIDO SHARPNER

① HOLY CROSS
② JUNE 15, 0042 / 18YO
③ 170XM / 58KG / TYPE B
④ AQUA PALACE
⑤ STUDIES
⑥ TELEKINESIS
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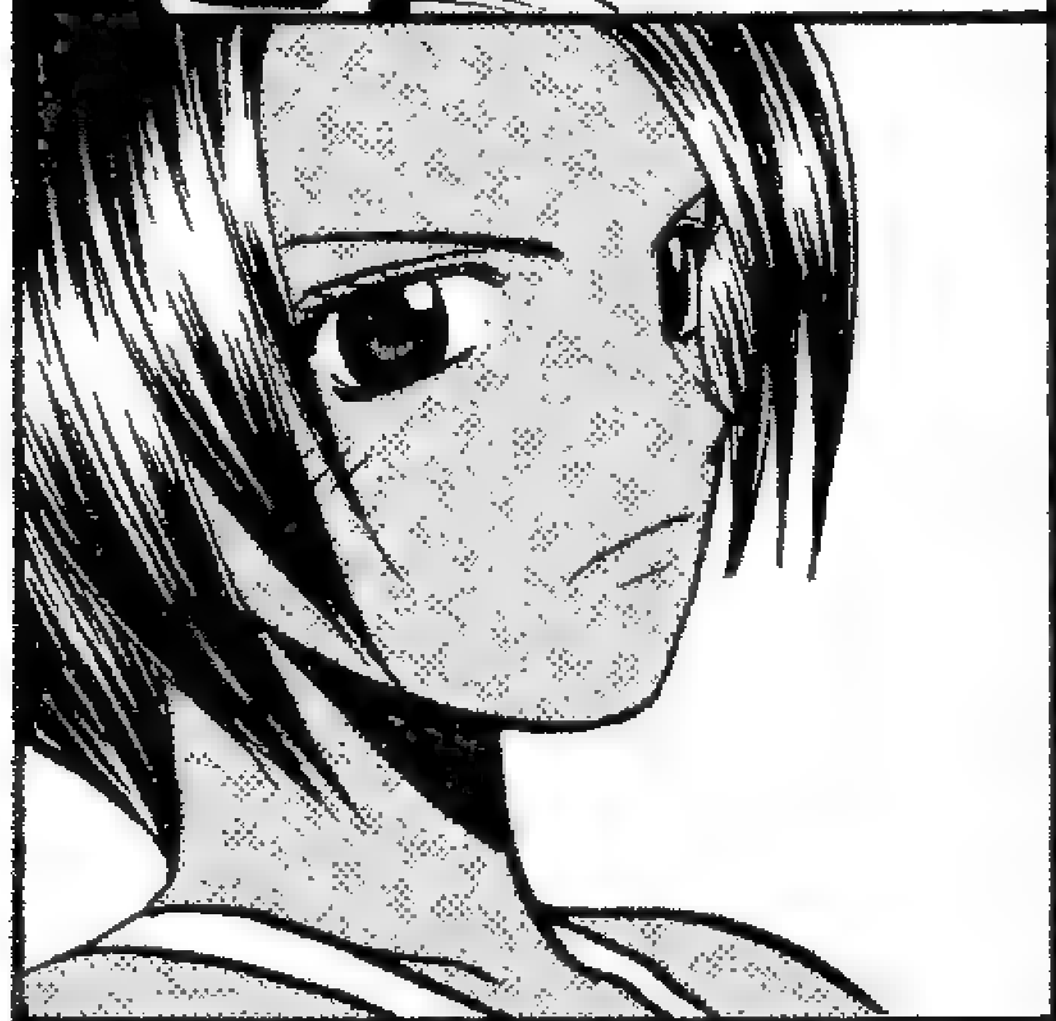

KEEPER OF THE RAVE (PSEUDO): REMI MALTESE (REAL NAME: REMI SHARPNER)

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② AUGUST 22, 0051 / 15YO
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About the characters

DUE TO CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CHARACTER PROFILE SECTION WAS CONDENSED FOR THIS ISSUE. INSTEAD I'LL TALK A LITTLE ABOUT THE CHARACTERS RIGHT HERE. FIRST OFF IS GALE. I CAME UP WITH THIS THINKING I WANTED TO HAVE IT PERTAIN SOMEHOW TO "HARU" (SPRING). "GALE" MEANS "A GUST OF WIND." ACTUALLY, WHEN THIS SERIES STARTED BEING SERIALIZED, I HADN'T DECIDED ANYTHING REGARDING GALE, AND I HELD OFF FIGURING IT OUT UNTIL THE KING STORYLINE. I WASN'T SURE IF THE GALE/KING BACKSTORY WAS REALLY THAT INTERESTING, BUT I WENT WITH IT ANYWAY, SO MAKING EVERYTHING MATCH UP AND BE CONSISTENT WAS PRETTY TOUGH (HA HA!). I HAD BEEN THINKING OF MAKING KING A DESCENDANT OF THE RAREGROOVES FOR A WHILE, BUT EVERY TIME HE APPEARS, HIS HAIR LOOKS DIFFERENT (HA HA!). I'M PRETTY PROUD OF THE WAY I HAD THEM BOTH DIE IN THE END.

I WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED THAT I WAS ONLY ABLE TO WORK CLEA MALTESE INTO ONE CHAPTER. I REALLY WANTED TO WORK IN SOME OF HER BACKGROUND AND STUFF INTO THE STORY. THAT'S WHY IN THE UPCOMING *KOK* (KNIGHTS OF KINGDOM) SUPPLEMENT, WHICH DEALS WITH THE WARRING KINGDOM ERA, I MADE SURE SHE WAS TREATED IN A WAY THAT LEAVES A REAL IMPRESSION ON THE READER'S MIND. I WONDER IF THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION OF THE *KOK* STORIES? MAYBE, MAYBE NOT. ANYWAY, IF YOU GET A CHANCE TO READ IT, BE SURE TO LOOK FOR HER.

SOLASIDO AND REMI ENDED UP BEING PRETTY INCIDENTAL CHARACTERS THROUGH THE WHOLE THING. I HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED ON HAVING THEM JOIN HARU'S PARTY, BUT THEY DIDN'T SEEM TOO MEMORABLE, SO I SCRATCHED THAT IDEA (HA HA!). BUT DON'T WORRY, THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY'LL SHOW UP IN THE STORY AT A LATER DATE. IF I CAN MAKE THEM MORE INTERESTING, THEY MIGHT JUST FIND THEMSELVES A PART OF HARU'S TEAM. (I SWEAR IT'S NOT JUST 'CUZ I DON'T WANT TO HAVE A CHARACTER WITH TAN SKIN--IT'S NOT THAT IT'S A BIG HASSLE PUTTING ON SCREEN TONE FOR HER SKIN COLOR.)

A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THIS, BUT WHEN I FIRST DREW SOLASIDO, HE HAD GREEN SKIN. TRUE STORY! HE WENT THROUGH SOME CHANGES TO END UP WHERE HE IS NOW, BUT I'M HAPPY WITH HIM.

"Afterwords"

THERE WEREN'T TOO MANY EXTRA PAGES THIS TIME, WERE THERE. IT MADE THINGS EASIER ON ME, BUT I WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO ALL YOU READERS OUT THERE WHO WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MORE. I'M SORRY. BUT IT ISN'T ALL UP TO ME, SO THERE'S NOT MUCH I CAN DO ABOUT IT. THERE WASN'T ENOUGH ROOM FOR THE PAGES FOR ALL THE PROFILES I HAD PLANNED OUT, SO I HAD TO MAKE IT REAL COMPACT. BUT MAYBE IT'S BETTER THAT WAY? I THINK I'LL DO IT THIS WAY FROM NOW ON. BESIDES, IT'LL LEAVE ROOM FOR OTHER EXTRA STUFF TOO!
OKEY-DOKEY, THAT'S SETTLED!

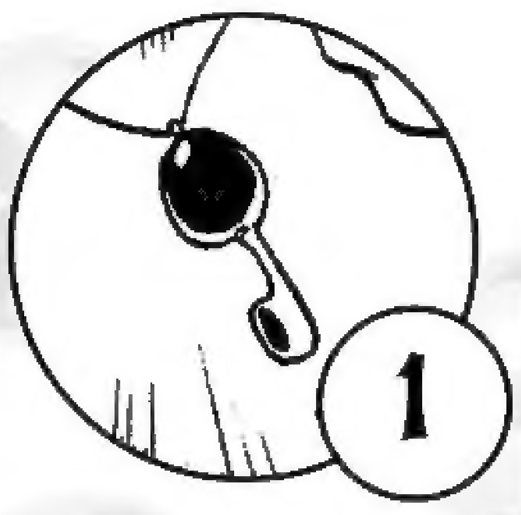
ALL RIGHT. WE'VE FINALLY COME TO A CLOSE FOR THE KING STORY ARC, AND THE NEXT VOLUME WILL TAKE US INTO A NEW DIRECTION. IF VOLUMES 1-9 OVERALL WERE ABOUT DEMON CARD, I PERSONALLY LIKE TO THINK ABOUT THIS AS THE "END OF PART I." JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, IN THE KING ARC ALL THE MYSTERIES ARE SOLVED, AND I WAS CONSIDERING MAKING IT THE END OF THE WHOLE SERIES. BUT THAT'S A LITTLE TOO CONTRIVED, AND THERE'S LOTS OF FUN STUFF I'LL BE ABLE TO DO WITH THE REST OF THE STORY, SO I DECIDED AGAINST THAT. OF COURSE I DIDN'T START OFF WITH THE INTENTION OF ENDING IT HERE, EITHER (HA HA!).
I WAS THINKING THE END OF THE KING ARC WOULD BE RIGHT ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE WHOLE SERIES. BUT THEN ONE DAY, OUT OF THE BLUE, AS I WAS DRAWING, I WAS OVERCOME WITH THE SILLY DESIRE TO MAKE A BRAND-NEW SERIES, SO I WAS TRYING TO THINK OF HOW I COULD WRAP EVERYTHING UP AT THE END OF THE KING ARC. BUT I CAN'T JUST END ONE SERIES RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THINGS TO START ANOTHER ONE. I'M STILL A NEWBIE IN THIS BUSINESS AND ALL! AND THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF MY DELIBERATIONS (APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS). AFTER THAT, I DECIDED TO DEVOTE ALL MY ENERGY TO *RAVE MASTER*. DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN GIVING THIS MY ALL, OF COURSE. BUT I REALLY WANT TO MAKE *RAVE MASTER* BETTER AND BETTER! I'LL BE WORKING MY BUTT OFF TO DO IT!

ON THAT NOTE, *RAVE MASTER* WILL GO ON!! I GUESS!! THE NEXT VOLUME WILL BRING US INTO WHAT I PERSONALLY LIKE TO THINK OF AS THE "DESTINY" (TENTATIVE, ERR, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER ANYWAY) ARC OF THE STORY. SO I HOPE YOU ALL KEEP READING ALONG.

AND AFTER THAT WILL BE THE 3RD ARC, "SPACE," AND THE 4TH, "TOKYO," AND THE 5TH, "SOCCER," AND THE 6TH, "HORROR FLICK," AND THE 7TH, "PLUE'S RIGHT EYE," SO WATCH OUT FOR 'EM. I'M SORRY.
I'M JUST KIDDING ABOUT THAT.

Accessory Rave-olution!

WELL, THE "KING ARC" IS OVER AND IT'S BEEN A WILD RIDE. HARU AND TEAM HAVE MET SO MAY PEOPLE ON THEIR QUEST, IT CAN BE DIFFICULT KEEPING TRACK OF WHO'S WHO. LET'S SEE IF YOU'VE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION TO THE LITTLE DETAILS. CAN YOU IDENTIFY WHICH PIECES OF JEWELRY AND TATTOOS GO WITH WHICH CHARACTERS? EACH CHARACTER IS USED ONLY ONCE. GOOD LUCK!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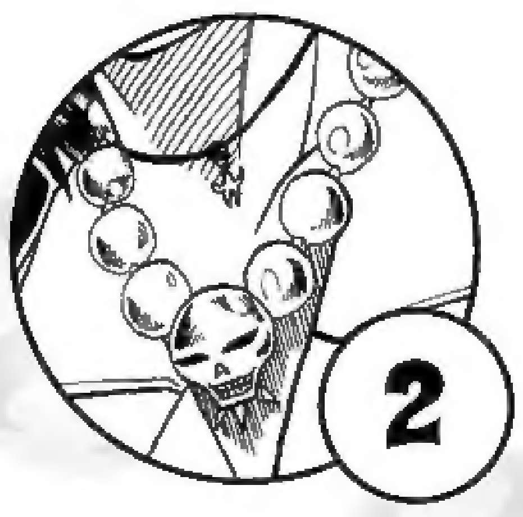
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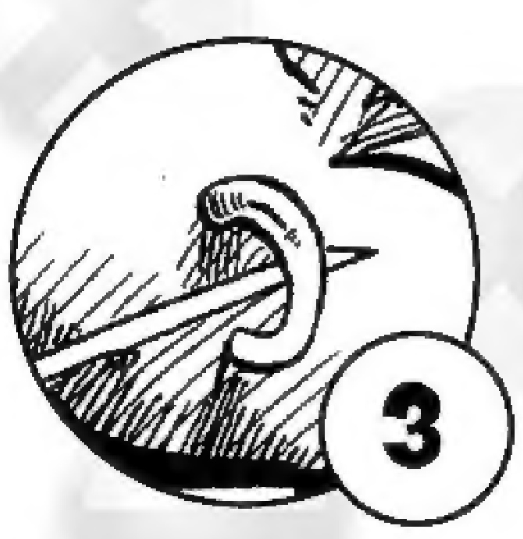
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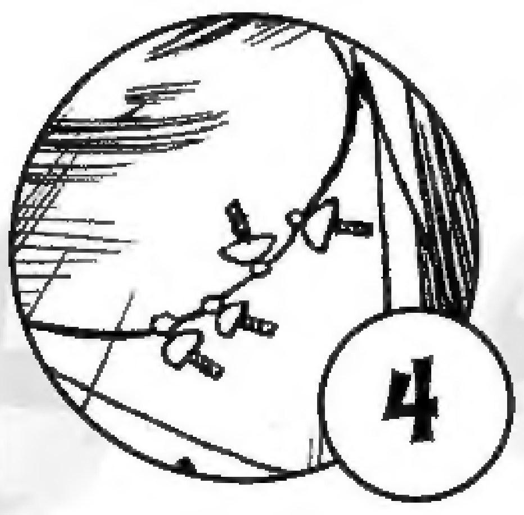
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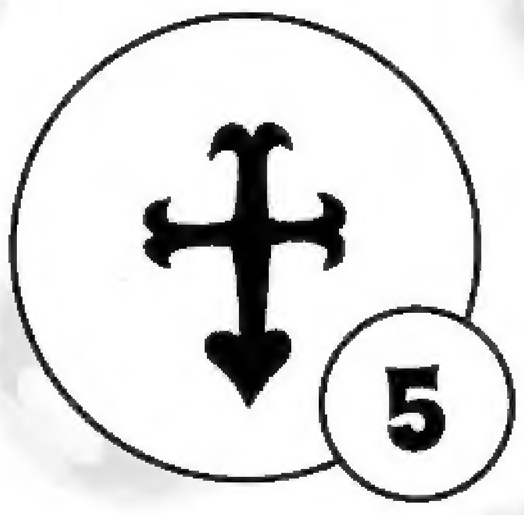
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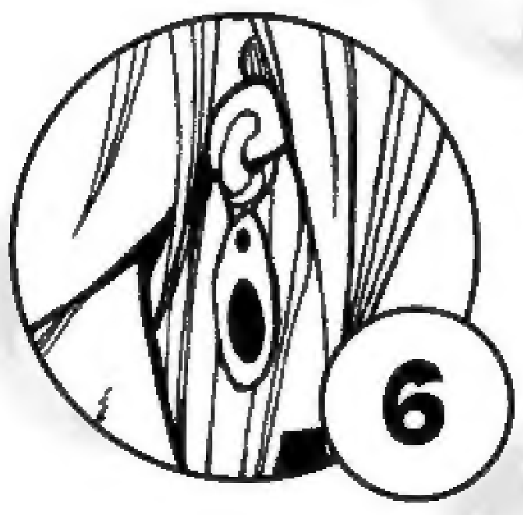
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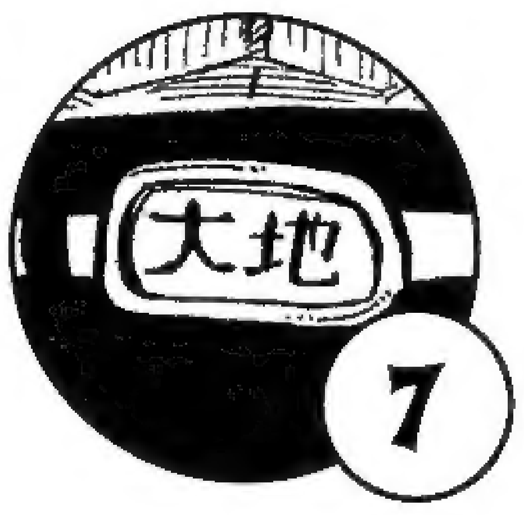

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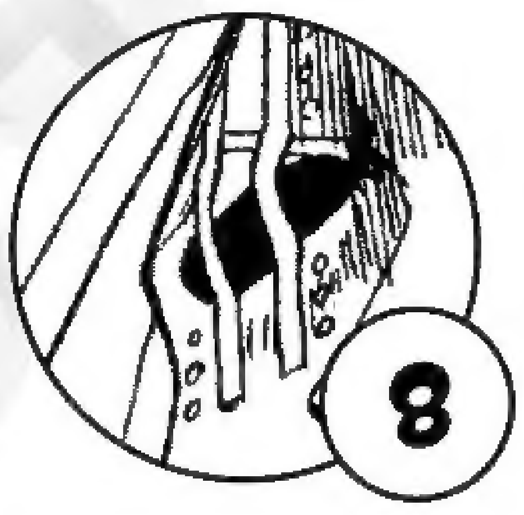
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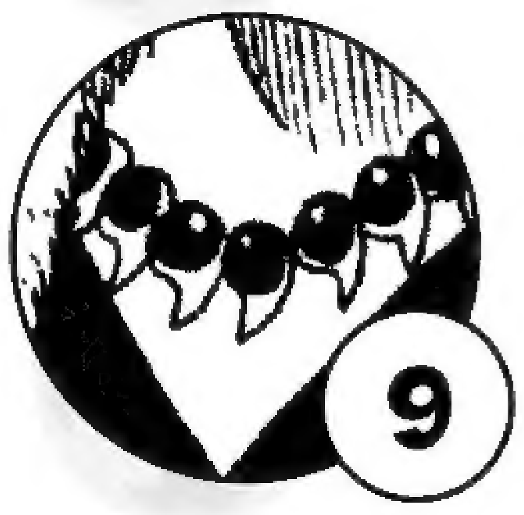
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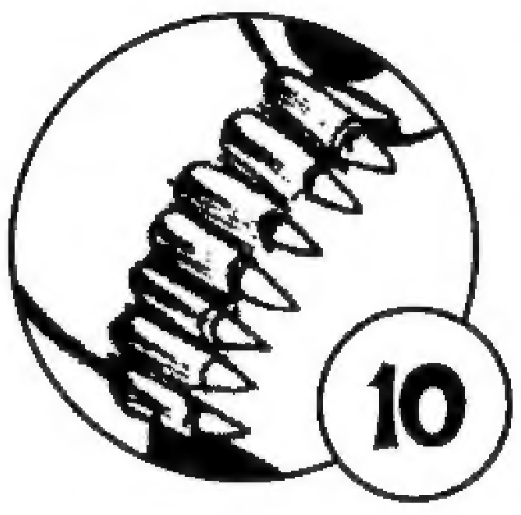
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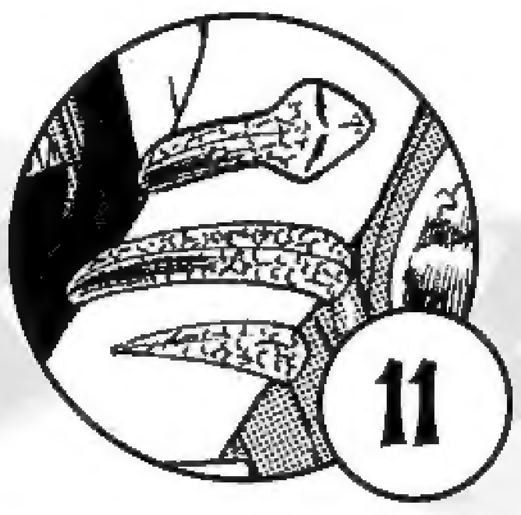
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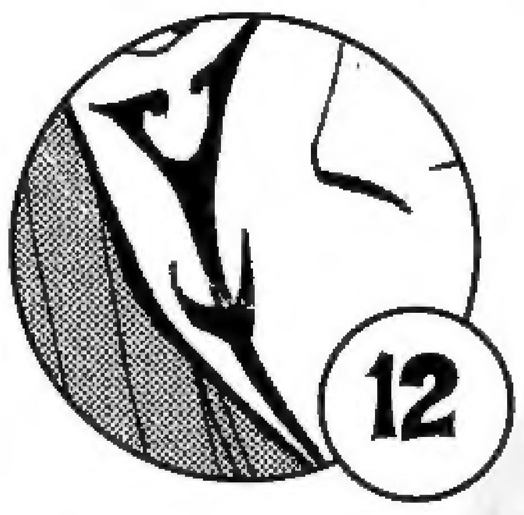
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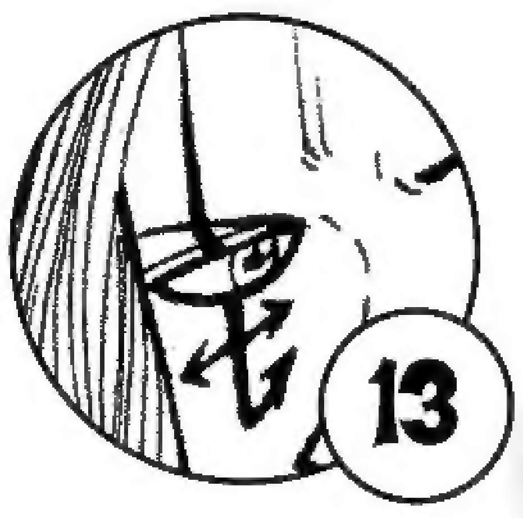
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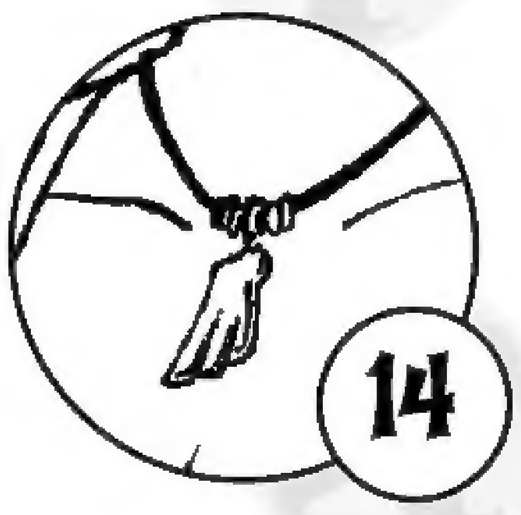
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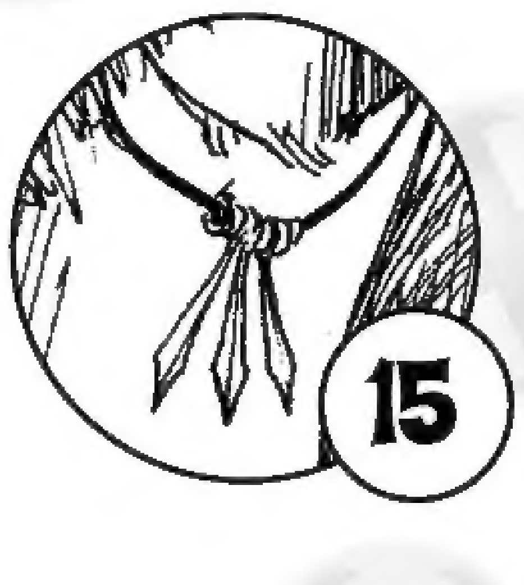
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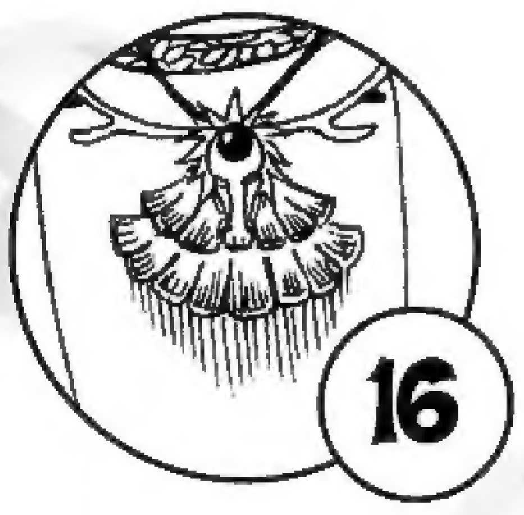
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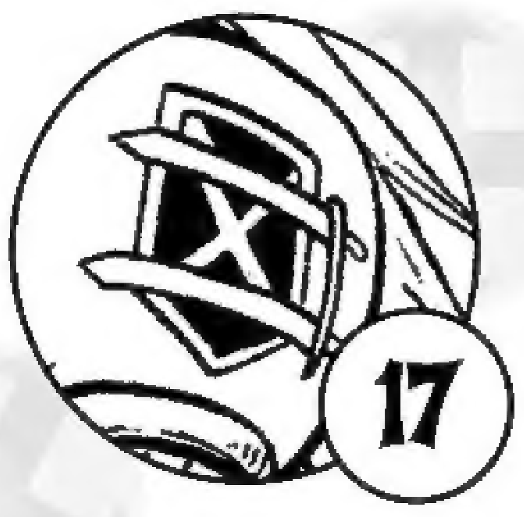
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